



Canadian Air Transport
Security Authority

Administration canadienne
de la sûreté du transport aérien

YOU SEE A BRIEFCASE



WE SEE A BIG PROBLEM

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W H O W E A R E

The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) is a Crown Corporation whose mission is to protect the public by securing critical elements of the air transportation system as assigned by the government. 

W H A T W E D O

CATSA's responsibilities fall into six major areas:

- Pre-board screening (PBS) of passengers and their belongings;
- Acquisition, deployment, operation and maintenance of explosives detection systems at airports;
- Contracting RCMP policing services on selected flights;
- Contributions for increased policing services at certain airports;
- Implementation of a restricted area identification card;
- The screening of non-passengers entering airport restricted areas. 



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Air travel can be a stressful experience and we want to help you feel secure during your flight. There are a number of things you can do to make your experience at the PBS checkpoint more efficient and less stressful.

Make sure to go through the PBS checkpoint well in advance of your flight, especially during peak periods (early morning, noon, and supertime) and during peak travel times including the summer months, holiday weekends, and Christmas. Avoid the rush and always have photo I.D.



Packing for Your Trip

- Pack carefully! Remember that certain items are not permitted beyond the PBS checkpoint such as sharp and or pointed objects, scissors, and pocket knives.
- Remember that unidentifiable liquids, such as homemade wine, are also not permitted in your carry-on baggage.
- Ensure your medication is properly labelled and placed in your carry-on baggage.
- Families travelling with small children should be aware that replica and toy guns/weapons will not be allowed beyond the PBS checkpoint.



Consult the baggage checklist on our website, www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca, or Transport Canada's website at www.tc.gc.ca, to ensure that you have not packed any prohibited items. Please be aware that intercepted items will not be returned. 🇨🇦

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

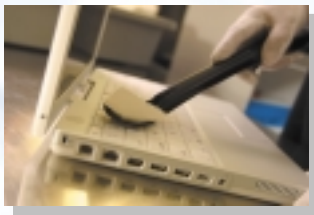
Any metal detected at the PBS checkpoint must be identified. As you proceed through the walk-through metal detector, you may be required to undergo additional screening, which may include the use of a hand held metal detector and a physical search. You can save time by not wearing or carrying metal items or by placing such items in your carry-on baggage.

Camera Film


- Pack all camera film, used or unused, in your carry-on baggage. New screening equipment used for checked baggage will damage your camera film.
- The equipment used at PBS checkpoints will not damage any film under 800 ASA/ISO.
- Digital disks are unaffected and can be packed in any baggage.

Electronic Devices

- Electronic devices, such as portable computers and cellular phones, may be screened using special screening equipment. This procedure will not harm your electronic devices.
- You can speed up the process by taking your portable computer out of its carrying case and placing it in a tray with other electronic devices you may be carrying. Place other non-electronic articles in a separate tray.



Special Needs

- PBS officers have been specially trained to accommodate passengers with special needs such as medical conditions, disabilities, religious or cultural considerations. 



For further information on anything in this pamphlet or questions about CATSA and pre-board screening, please visit our website at www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca or call us at 1-888-294-2202. We welcome your feedback.

THE BRIEFCASE ON THE COVER

There's a knife at the bottom of this briefcase. You may not have noticed it, but our screening officers are expertly trained to spot any potential weapon or suspicious-looking article. CATSA strives to provide professional, effective, and courteous service to all travellers, and we're committed to ensuring ongoing improvements in the future.