



Your security is our #1 priority!



Working together to secure critical elements of the Canadian air transportation system

We are the **Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA)** and our mission is straightforward: to protect the public by securing critical elements of the Canadian air transportation system as assigned by the Government of Canada.

Straightforward, perhaps, but incredibly important.



One of the best security systems in the world today

Pre-board Screening of Passengers

Every year, millions of air travellers pass through security at Canadian airports. Since December 31, 2002, CATSA's highly trained screening officers have been fully responsible for the pre-board screening of passengers and their belongings to keep knives, firearms and other prohibited items off the aircraft.

To work with CATSA, screening providers must undergo a rigorous competitive process, and each of their screening officers must go through a multi-level training and certification program. The result is a highly competent, motivated workforce that prides itself in protecting the travelling public.

“We do more than check passengers and screen baggage — we protect lives.”

JACQUES DUCHESNEAU, C.M.
PRESIDENT AND CEO
CANADIAN AIR TRANSPORT
SECURITY AUTHORITY

Explosives Detection

As well as screening passengers, screening officers use sophisticated explosives detection technology to screen baggage for potential threats to aviation security. These systems are purchased, installed, maintained and operated by CATSA and are in place at designated Canadian airports, covering 99 percent of all air travellers in Canada.

The Canadian Air Carrier Protective Program

Under the Canadian Air Carrier Protective Program, CATSA provides funding to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to place undercover officers on board selected flights. All such individuals are full-time RCMP officers who have received specialized training for this role.

TECHNOLOGY ON OUR SIDE

SCREENING OFFICERS USE HIGHLY ADVANCED X-RAYS THAT PROVIDE CLEARER IMAGES TO HELP THEM DETECT PROHIBITED ITEMS MORE EASILY. THEY ALSO SPOT POTENTIAL THREATS QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY BY USING EXTREMELY SENSITIVE EXPLOSIVE DETECTORS THAT CAN SNIFF OUT A TABLESPOON OF EXPLOSIVES IN AN AREA THE SIZE OF AN OLYMPIC POOL.

The program — plus the now-mandatory secured cockpit doors — is designed to prevent unauthorized people from taking control of the aircraft and adds another layer of security to air travel. It covers selected domestic, transborder and international flights, as well as all flights to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C.

Non-passenger Screening/Restricted Area Identification Cards

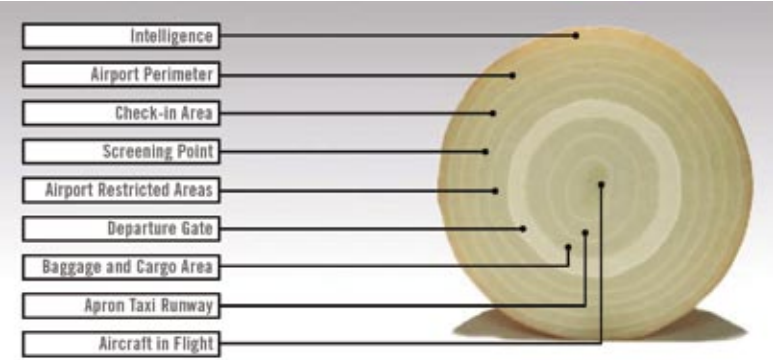
Non-passengers include people such as airport employees, contractors, air carrier personnel and others who work at or around the airport. Non-passengers, who work in restricted areas of Canadian airports, must undergo Transport Canada background checks and carry restricted area passes. CATSA is working with airports and Transport Canada to enhance this security even further, by using an improved identification card that incorporates biometric technology. CATSA has already carried out four trials of the new system and it is operational in several Canadian airports. The technology will be fully deployed by the end of 2005. As an added layer of security, CATSA also randomly screens non-passengers to help ensure that no threat objects reach aircraft areas.

CATSA works with its partners to provide a secure air transportation system

While we play a key role in securing Canada's air transportation system, we are not alone. For example, intelligence agencies, including the RCMP and Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), are continuously analyzing risks to anticipate and intervene, if necessary, to prevent security-related incidents at Canadian airports. And CATSA also provides funding for some airport authorities to help them boost their police presence.

At the airport itself, airport authorities, local police agencies, the airlines, Transport Canada and CATSA work together to ensure the security of flights departing from Canada's airports. It is this highly collaborative approach that ensures your security — on the ground and in the sky.

Multi-layered Security





Value for Canadians

CATSA's goal is to provide a secure environment in a cost-effective manner while promoting free movement of people through our air transportation system.

- CATSA has deployed fully trained screening officers and sophisticated explosive detection equipment to 89 airports across the country — more than 90 cents of every dollar we spend on security is spent on the front lines to protect the travelling public.
- 35 million passengers and over 60 million bags were screened in 2004, and security screening officers intercepted 738,000 prohibited items.
- CATSA invests nearly \$5,000 for the initial training of every screening officer using classrooms, on-the-job training and distance learning.
- We have established a Security Communications Centre that will both capture and analyze all incidents on a national basis and improve the coordination of information and intelligence between and among headquarters and the regions.

- In the area of fiscal responsibility, we employ governance and management tools such as the *Business Intelligence System* and the *Balanced Scorecard* to ensure quality service and prudent spending.

Security Remains our Number One Priority

Everyone who uses a Canadian airport, from passengers to air carrier personnel and airport workers, counts on us to keep them secure. That's our first priority and the goal of every CATSA employee and contracted screening officer. If you're in one of the 89 airports that we serve, you can be sure we're there, protecting you.

Contact us today to get more information about the activities of the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority.

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