



**HUNTERS** The key regulatory requirements to transporting firearms, firearm parts or ammunition in checked baggage are:

- You must declare all firearms to the airline during the ticket counter check-in process.
- The firearm must be unloaded.
- Firearm parts, including magazines, clips, bolts and firing pins, are prohibited in carry-on baggage, but may be transported in checked baggage.
- The firearm must be in a hard-sided container. The hard-sided container must be locked with no ability to gain access to the firearm.
- During screening we recommend that you provide the key or combination to the security officer if he or she needs to open the container. You should remain present during screening to take the key back after the container is cleared. If you are not present and the security officer must open the container, we or the airline will make a reasonable attempt to contact you. If we can't contact you, the container will not be placed on the plane. Federal regulations prohibit unlocked gun cases (or cases with broken locks) on aircraft.
- Firearm magazines and ammunition clips, whether loaded or empty, must be securely boxed or included within a hard-sided case containing an unloaded firearm.
- You must securely pack any ammunition in fiber (such as cardboard), wood or metal boxes or other packaging that is specifically designed to carry small amounts of ammunition.
- You can't use firearm magazines/clips for packing ammunition unless they completely and securely enclose the ammunition.
- You may carry the ammunition in the same hard-sided case as the firearm, as long as you pack it as described above.

- You **cannot** bring black powder or percussion caps used with black powder type firearms in either your carry-on or checked baggage.

We and other authorities strictly enforce these regulations. Violations can result in criminal prosecution and civil penalties of up to \$13,910 per violation.



Airlines may have their own additional requirements on the carriage of firearms and the amount of ammunition that you may have in your checked baggage. Therefore, **travelers should also contact the airline regarding its firearm and ammunition carriage policies.**

- Have your firearm case locked before presenting it for screening.
- Gun cases **may not** be taped together and checked as one piece of checked baggage.

If your trip includes transporting weapons, allow extra time at the ticket counter and for potential additional screening. We recommend you check-in at least 90 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. Aircraft operators normally close their cabin doors 20 minutes before actual departure times. Since security screening wait times vary throughout the day, a good rule of thumb is to arrive at the security checkpoint at least 1 hour before your scheduled departure time.

**MyTSA app** is available in the iTunes and Google Play app stores and can be downloaded to your personal electronic devices.

<http://www.tsa.gov/>

## SOUTH DAKOTA REGIONAL AIRPORTS AND THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### HUNTING TIPS BROCHURE



#### For Local Airline information:

American Airlines	(800) 433-7300
United Airlines	(800) 864-8331
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	(800) 221-1212
Allegiant Air	(702) 505-8888
Frontier Airlines	(801) 401-9000
Aberdeen Regional Airport	(605) 626-7020
Pierre Regional Airport	(605) 773-7447
Rapid City Regional Airport	(605) 393-9924
Sioux Falls Regional Airport	(605) 336-0762
Standard Parking	(605) 336-8154
Watertown Regional Airport	(605) 882-6209

Transportation Security Administration

<http://www.tsa.gov/>



## Hunters

TSA routinely encounters rifles, bows and arrows, knives and other items used by sportsmen and hunters. Please take a moment to become familiar with some of our security measures. Doing so now will help save you time once you arrive at the airport.

- You may transport unloaded firearms in a locked hard-sided container as checked baggage only. Declare the firearm and/or ammunition to the airline when checking your bag at the ticket counter. The container must completely secure the firearm from being accessed. Locked cases that can be easily opened are not permitted. Be aware that the container the firearm was in when purchased may not adequately secure the firearm when it is transported in checked baggage. Check your carry-on bags for loose ammunition or casings.
- Avoid wearing clothing, jewelry and accessories that contain metal. Metal items may set off an alarm on our screening equipment.
- Pack your medications in your carry on bags
- Packaged meat/game & other non-liquid food items are permitted in both carry-on and checked bags. If the food is packed with ice or ice packs in a cooler or other container, the ice or ice packs must be completely frozen when brought through screening. If the ice or ice packs are partially melted and have any liquid at the bottom of the container, they will not be permitted. You also can pack frozen perishables in your carry-on or checked bags in dry ice.
- The FAA limits you to 5.5 pounds of dry ice that is properly packaged (the package is vented) and marked. Airline approval is required.
- The FAA limits ammunition quantity to a reasonable amount for personal use during a trip. However, international regulations and some airlines in the U.S. limit this to 5 kg (11 pounds) gross weight per passenger. Check with your airline.

## Passenger Support

Travelers that may require special accommodations or concerned about the security screening process at the airport may ask a TSA officer or supervisor for a passenger support specialist who can provide on-the-spot assistance.

**TSA Cares** is a helpline that provides travelers with disabilities, medical conditions, and other special circumstances additional assistance during the security screening process. Call or email TSA Cares 72 hours prior to traveling with questions about screening policies, procedures and what to expect at the security checkpoint.

### To Contact TSA Cares:

**(855) 787-2227 Federal Relay: 711**

**Weekdays: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET**

**Weekends/Holidays: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET**

**[TSA-ContactCenter@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:TSA-ContactCenter@tsa.dhs.gov)**

**Federal law requires wearing a mask at all times in and on the airport and failure to comply may result in removal and denial of re-entry. Individuals refusing to wear a mask in or on the airport may be subject to penalties under federal law.**

For more information visit:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/>

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## At the Airport

Adult passengers 18 and over must show valid identification at the airport checkpoint in order to travel. Refer to [www.TSA.gov](http://www.TSA.gov) for acceptable forms of ID.

As you know, standard screening requires that you remove all items and place them on the X-ray belt for screening. With TSA Pre<sup>✓</sup>, you are able to speed through security and don't need to remove your shoes, laptops, liquids, belts and light jackets.



## Passenger Security Checkpoints

Unless you are TSA Pre<sup>✓</sup>, you will need to remove your shoes, remove your 3-1-1 compliant liquids and personal electronic devices larger than a cell phone such as laptops, tablets, e-readers and handheld game consoles, from your carry-on bag and place them into a bin with nothing placed on or under them for X-ray screening. In addition to screening personal electronic devices separately, TSA officers may instruct travelers to separate other items from carry-on bags such as foods, powders, and any materials that can clutter bags and obstruct clear images on the X-ray machine. Also, ensure that your pockets are empty (keys, tissues, currency, wallets, cell phones, etc.) and remove bulky jewelry before entering the screening process. Valuable items can be placed in your carry on bags.