

**The PTO Sponsored Washington DC trip is fast approaching. Please spend a few minutes reviewing this helpful list of travel information before you pack for Washington DC.**

**If you have questions about security or packing please visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)**

### **How to Get Through the Security Line More Easily**

Airline Passengers are asked to bear in mind the following advice to help make their passage through the airport as efficient and comfortable as possible.

#### **AT THE SECURITY CHECK POINT:**

Have the following ready for the agent to review:

**Acceptable Documents Also see your specific trip information prepared by Hemisphere Travel.**

The items you'll need to present to a Transportation Security Officer at the checkpoint are:

Boarding pass

Identification

**You will be asked to put your shoes, your coat/jacket and your quart bag of liquids in a bin to be x-rayed at the security check point. Please be prepared to do so.**

### **Pack Smart**

**Prepare your 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag of liquids before arriving at the airport. Place the quart bag in an outside pocket of the carry on. You have to remove the quart bag and place it in the x-ray bins.**

#### **Make Your Trip Better Using 3-1-1**

**3-1-1 for carry-ons** = 3.4 ounce bottle or less (by volume) ; 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger placed in screening bin. One-quart bag per person limits the total liquid volume each traveler can bring. 3.4 oz. container size is a security measure.

**Consolidate** bottles into one bag and X-ray separately to speed screening.

**Pack an organized carry-on bag using layers** – a layer of clothes, then electronic, more clothes, and then any heavier items. This will help transportation security officers see what's in your bag. Innocent items can actually appear to be potential threats in an X-ray image, simply by the way they're packed.

Small electronics, such as iPods, can remain in your carry-on.

You will be required to remove electronics (laptops, full-size video game consoles, DVD players and video cameras that use cassettes) from your carry-on bag and submit them separately for x-ray screening.

**Film.** Undeveloped film should go in your carry-on bag. You will be able to declare film that is faster than 800-speed to a transportation security officer for physical inspection to avoid being X-rayed.

**When in doubt, leave it out.** If you're not sure about whether you can bring an item through the checkpoint, put it in your checked bag or leave it at home.

### **Dress the Part**

Transportation security officers have to identify any metal that is detected at the checkpoint. If the metal detector alarms when you pass through, you will be required to undergo additional screening. This includes a hand-wand and pat-down inspection.

#### **Items that might set off an alarm on the metal detector include:**

Keys, loose change, mobile phones, pagers, and personal data assistants (PDAs)

Heavy jewelry (including pins, necklaces, bracelets, rings, watches, earrings, body piercings, cuff links, lanyards or bolo ties)

Clothing with metal buttons, snaps or studs

Metal hair barrettes or other hair decoration

Belt buckles

Under-wire bras

**Body Piercings.** Certain metal body piercings may cause you to alarm at the metal detector, which will result in you getting additional screening. If additional screening is required, you may ask to remove your body piercing in private as an alternative to the pat-down search.

**Head Coverings.** You are permitted to wear head coverings and religious garments during the screening process. You may be directed to additional screening if your headwear or clothing (religious or otherwise) is loose fitting or large enough to hide prohibited items.

**Shoes.** Travelers are required to remove their shoes before entering the walk-through metal detector at all U.S. airports and put them through the x-ray machine for inspection. This allows officers to see if the shoes have

We encourage each adult traveler to keep his/her airline boarding pass and government-issued photo ID available until exiting the security checkpoint (children are not required to show identification).

### **Hassle-Free Security Tips**

**Arrive on time.** Arrival time recommendations vary by airline and day of travel, so check with your carrier. Remember to give yourself adequate time to check your baggage and move through security.

**Wear slip-on shoes.** This will allow you to take them off and put them back on quickly, without having to sit down.

**Think before you speak.** Belligerent behavior, inappropriate jokes and threats will not be tolerated. They will result in delays and possibly missing your flight. Local law enforcement may be called as necessary.