

Security screening information for travellers



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If you want to get through security screening without delay, make sure you are not wearing or carrying anything that will trigger a security alarm or that requires an inspection.

What you can take on the plane

AvSec x-rays bags to make sure there is nothing dangerous in them. If something shows up on the x-ray that needs checking, the bag will need to be opened and searched.

You can take the following items in your carry-on bag:



Electronic items



E-cigarettes/vapes



Power banks/AirPod chargers



Spare batteries

Knives

Knives with blades that do not exceed 6cm (and if the knife is not illegal in New Zealand).

Souvenirs

Check that your souvenirs can be taken as carry-on because if they exceed the size limit they must go in your checked luggage. Boomerangs and didgeridoos must not exceed 40cm in length. Māori weapons must not exceed 20cm in length.

Lighter

You can have one lighter but it must be on your person and not in your bag. Blue flame lighters are not permitted.

Hand tools

Tools such as spanners that are less than 20cm in length, or other tools, such as screwdrivers, if the metal shaft is less than 6cm.

The following items should be packed in your check-in bag:



Sports equipment

Pack your sports equipment including children's sport toys in your checked luggage



Children's toys

Leave toy guns at home or pack them into your checked luggage

What you can't take on the plane



Unlawful weapons and explosives

Unlawful weapons include objects or devices specifically designed to cause harm or injury e.g. knuckle dusters, pepper spray, Tasers and stabbing knives.

Explosives of any description (including fireworks and party poppers) cannot be taken. If you carry unlawful items they will be seized and the NZ Police and your airline will be notified.



Some everyday items that could be used as weapons

These are items that are used every day for lawful purposes but they cannot be taken on the plane because they could be used to bludgeon, slice or stab people. These include sports equipment, grooming or cooking utensils.

Tools and knives should be put in your checked luggage but some are OK to go in your carry-on bag.



Firearms, parts and ammunition

Firearms, firearm parts and ammunition are allowed in checked luggage but only if you have a firearms licence and carriage is approved by the airline.

Pack toy and replica guns in your checked luggage as they could be mistaken for the real thing.



Did you know?

A large number of incidents involving lithium batteries exploding when transported by air have occurred globally. Visit the AvSec website to find out how to travel safely with them.

What you can't pack in your checked luggage

A few dangerous goods are the main cause of checked bags being opened and items removed. Avoid this happening by not carrying the following items in your checked luggage.



Power banks/AirPod chargers

Power banks and AirPod chargers cannot go in checked luggage. This is due to the lithium batteries which makes them a potential fire risk.



Spare batteries

Loose or spare batteries cannot go in checked luggage because they are a potential fire risk. They can go in your carry-on bag within permissible limits.



Fuel cylinders for camp stoves

Non-reusable fuel (gas liquid) cylinders cannot go in checked luggage.

If you are travelling with a camp stove and or re-usable gas cylinders then you must ensure that they are clean of any free liquid and you must get approval from your airline.



E-Cigarettes/vapes

E-cigarettes and vapes containing batteries cannot go in checked luggage due to the risk of fire.



Lighters

Lighters of any sort cannot go in checked luggage due to the risk of fire. You can only travel with one lighter if it is on your person. The lighter can be a dual action gas fuel lighter or a lithium powered lighter with a safety cap.

Blue flame cigar lighters are not permitted even on your person.



Sealed lead acid batteries

These batteries can go in checked luggage when they are installed in equipment. You will need to have evidence that the battery is safe for air travel - if you don't have this, then leave the equipment at home.

There are additional restrictions for international flights

Quantities of inorganic powders, liquids, aerosols and gels are restricted in your carry-on bag.



Liquids, aerosols, gels

If container larger than 100ml pack in your checked luggage.

There are some exceptions:

- I have a medical condition
- I have a baby travelling with me



Alcohol

This includes unopened or partially consumed bottles and flasks of alcohol.

Purchase this after security.



Honey

Honey is permitted only in containers up to 100ml. Honey capsules are also subject to these restrictions.



Spreads

Butter, margarine, Marmite etc are permitted only in containers up to 100ml.



Perfume

Perfume is permitted only in containers up to 100ml.



Toiletries

Cleaning and grooming products are permitted only in containers up to 100ml.



Powders

The total volume of inorganic powders must not exceed 350ml per person e.g. bath salts, laundry powder and sand.

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