

# What do I need to know about airport worker (non-passenger) screening?

## Why are airport workers screened?

Airport workers, contractors, visitors and people working in airside areas who are not passengers are screened. This is to stop prohibited items such as weapons from being taken into security enhanced and restricted areas, and onto aircraft.

If you are stopped by an Aviation Security Officer you must follow all lawful instructions.

## When does it occur?

- During security screening of international flights.
- Screening can occur at entry points into, or inside, the security enhanced area, not at passenger screening points.

## Vehicles must stop on request.

- If you are in a vehicle you must stop when an Aviation Security Officer signals you to stop.
- If you do not stop, your employer, the airport company and the Director of Civil Aviation will be informed of the breach.

## What will happen at a non-passenger screening checkpoint?

- You will be asked to show your airport identity card and to undergo a security check. This will involve metal detection wand and maybe an explosive detector test.
- Your personal property such as bags, cellphone, lunchbox will be searched. Items will undergo a visual and physical check by the officer instead of being x-rayed.
- If you are in a vehicle, the vehicle will be searched.

## What items are prohibited in the security enhanced area?

- Prohibited items are the same as those not allowed in the cabin of an aircraft e.g. weapons, firearms, ammunition, incendiary devices and substances, and imitations of any of these items.
- This includes any items that could be used as a weapon such as knives with blades over 6cm.
- Tools of trade are OK. If asked you will need to say why you need them.

## What if I do not comply?

You will be asked for consent to a search. If you do not give consent you will have to leave the security enhanced area immediately and your employer will be informed.

## What will happen if I breach the rules?

Your employer will be informed. The Director of Civil Aviation will be informed, and you may be prosecuted for an offence under the Civil Aviation Act 1990. The airport company will be informed and may issue you with an infringement for breaching the Airport Workers Rules (Auckland).

## Will I be checked every time I have to go past a checkpoint?

- You may be checked more than once in your workday.
- If you try to avoid a checkpoint this could be considered a breach.

**Thank you for helping to ensure airport safety and security**

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Auckland Airport Workers Rules [aucklandairport.co.nz](https://aucklandairport.co.nz)



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