

Private search

During the pre-board screening process, passengers can be selected for additional screening. This process can involve a full-body scan, a physical search and/or swabbing for traces of explosives. A passenger who opts for or is required to undergo a physical search may ask to have the physical search done in private rather than in the public screening area. CATSA provides private search areas at all security checkpoints. To do a physical search, a screening officer (of the same sex as the passenger) “pats down” the passenger.

