

Surrendered items

Transport Canada maintains a Prohibited Items List to inform the public of what it considers threats to aviation security. Some of these items are banned in carry-on bags but allowed in baggage passengers check at airline counters. Other items are banned in both carry-on and checked baggage.

CATSA is responsible for screening baggage for banned items. However, screening officers do not have the legal authority to confiscate these items. If banned items are found during screening, officers will offer passengers the following options:

- Items that are allowed in checked baggage may be checked with the airline if there is enough time.
- Items may be taken to the passenger's car or left with friends or family members who are in the area outside the entry to the screening checkpoint.
- Items may be stored or mailed at airports where these services exist.
- Items may be abandoned for appropriate disposal.

Most of the items that are banned from checked baggage are either contraband, or—like compressed gas cylinders and lithium batteries—considered to be hazardous and a safety risk to passengers and crew.

At most major airports, surrendered items such as knives, large scissors and tools are donated to charitable organizations. When contraband items are discovered, local police are notified.

