

the broad categories of items on the prohibited items list. These items generally are personal care, medical, and assistive items, and other items that appear to pose little risk or for which there is a compelling reason to allow their presence. For instance, many personal care items such as perfume and hair spray may contain incendiaries. In small amounts, however, they do not pose a risk to security. Other items, such as syringes included in diabetes-related equipment, and nitroglycerine pills or spray for medical purposes, conceivably could be used as weapons, but are permitted as a medical necessity for passengers with a legitimate need. Screwdrivers and other tools in eyeglass repair kits are also permitted, as are tools used in connection with prosthetic devices. Consistent with Department of Transportation regulations for hazardous materials, passengers also are permitted to carry no more than four books of matches (other than strike-anywhere matches) and no more than two lighters for individual use, if the lighters are fueled with non-refillable liquefied gas (Bic-type) or absorbed liquid (Zippo-type).

Interpretation

I. *Prohibited Items.* For purposes of 49 U.S.C. 40101 *et seq.* and 49 CFR 1540.111, TSA interprets the terms "weapons, explosives, and incendiaries" to include the items listed below. Accordingly, passengers may not carry these items as accessible property or on their person through passenger screening checkpoints or into airport sterile areas and the cabins of a passenger aircraft.

A. Guns and Firearms.

- (1) BB guns.
- (2) Compressed air guns.
- (3) Firearms.
- (4) Flare pistols.
- (5) Gun lighters.
- (6) Parts of guns and firearms.
- (7) Pellet guns.
- (8) Realistic replicas of firearms.
- (9) Spear guns.
- (10) Starter pistols.
- (11) Stun guns/cattle prods/shocking devices.

B. Sharp Objects.

- (1) Axes and hatchets.
- (2) Bows and arrows.
- (3) Drills, including cordless portable power drills.
- (4) Ice axes/Ice picks.
- (5) Knives of any length, except rounded-blade butter and plastic cutlery.
- (6) Meat cleavers.
- (7) Razor-type blades, such as box cutters, utility knives, and razor blades not in a cartridge, but excluding safety razors.

- (8) Sabers.
 - (9) Saws, including cordless portable power saws.
 - (10) Scissors, metal with pointed tips.
 - (11) Screwdrivers (except those in eyeglass repair kits).
 - (12) Swords.
 - (13) Throwing stars (martial arts).
- C. *Club-Like Items.*
- (1) Baseball bats.
 - (2) Billy clubs.
 - (3) Blackjacks.
 - (4) Brass knuckles.
 - (5) Cricket bats.
 - (6) Crowbars.
 - (7) Golf clubs.
 - (8) Hammers.
 - (9) Hockey sticks.
 - (10) Lacrosse sticks.
 - (11) Martial arts weapons, including nunchucks, and kubatons.
 - (12) Night sticks.
 - (13) Pool cues.
 - (14) Ski poles.
 - (15) Tools including, but not limited to, wrenches and pliers.

D. All Explosives, Including.

- (1) Ammunition.
 - (2) Blasting caps.
 - (3) Dynamite.
 - (4) Fireworks.
 - (5) Flares in any form.
 - (6) Gunpowder.
 - (7) Hand grenades.
 - (8) Plastic explosives.
 - (9) Realistic replicas of explosives.
- E. *Incendiaries.*
- (1) Aerosol, any, except for personal care or toiletries in limited quantities.
 - (2) Fuels, including cooking fuels and any flammable liquid fuel.
 - (3) Gasoline.
 - (4) Gas torches, including micro-torches and torch lighters.
 - (5) Lighter fluid.
 - (6) Strike-anywhere matches.
 - (7) Turpentine and paint thinner.
 - (8) Realistic replicas of incendiaries.

F. Disabling Chemicals and Other Dangerous Items.

- (1) Chlorine for pools and spas.
- (2) Compressed gas cylinders (including fire extinguishers).
- (3) Liquid bleach.
- (4) Mace.
- (5) Pepper spray.
- (6) Spillable batteries, except those in wheelchairs.
- (7) Spray Paint.
- (8) Tear gas.

II. *Permitted Items.* For purposes of 49 U.S.C. 40101 *et seq.* and 49 CFR 1540.111, TSA does not consider the items on the following lists as weapons, explosives, and incendiaries because of medical necessity or because they appear to pose little risk if, as is required, they have passed through screening. Therefore, passengers may

carry these items as accessible property or on their person through passenger screening checkpoints and into airport sterile areas and the cabins of passenger aircraft.

A. Medical and Personal Items.

- (1) Braille note taker, slate and stylus, and augmentation devices.
- (2) Cigar cutters.
- (3) Corkscrews.
- (4) Cuticle cutters.
- (5) Diabetes-related supplies/equipment (once inspected to ensure prohibited items are not concealed), including: Insulin and insulin loaded dispensing products; vials or box of individual vials; jet injectors; pens; infusers; and preloaded syringes; and an unlimited number of unused syringes, when accompanied by insulin; lancets; blood glucose meters; blood glucose meter test strips; insulin pumps; and insulin pump supplies. Insulin in any form or dispenser must be properly marked with a professionally printed label identifying the medication or manufacturer's name or pharmaceutical label.

(6) Eyeglass repair tools, including screwdrivers.

(7) Eyelash curlers.

(8) Knives, round-bladed butter or plastic.

(9) Lighters (maximum of two, fueled with non-refillable liquefied gas (Bic-type) or absorbed liquid (Zippo-type)).

(10) Matches (maximum of four books, strike on cover, book type).

(11) Nail clippers.

(12) Nail files.

(13) Nitroglycerine pills or spray for medical use, if properly marked with a professionally printed label identifying the medication or manufacturer's name or pharmaceutical label.

(14) Personal care or toiletries with aerosols, in limited quantities.

(15) Prosthetic device tools and appliances (including drill, allen wrenches, pullsleeves) used to put on or remove prosthetic devices, if carried by the individual with the prosthetic device or his or her companion.

(16) Safety razors (including disposable razors).

(17) Scissors, plastic or metal with blunt tips.

(18) Tweezers.

(19) Umbrellas (once inspected to ensure prohibited items are not concealed).

(20) Walking canes (once inspected to ensure prohibited items are not concealed).

B. Toys, Hobby Items, and Other Items Posing Little Risk.

- (1) Knitting and crochet needles.
- (2) Toy transformer robots.
- (3) Toy weapons (if not realistic replicas).