



What I cannot take onboard

Prohibited items and weapons

Some items are classified as prohibited items, weapons and dangerous goods that cannot be carried on board an aircraft. If you have any of these items in your carryon baggage, you will need to surrender these at the screening point.

Surrendered items are dealt with in accordance with the relevant state and territory legislation.

If in doubt about whether an item can be carried on board, check with your airline prior to arriving at the airport. In some cases, you may be able to pack the item in your checked baggage.

More information

For further information on what cannot be taken on board an aircraft, please see the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004*, the *Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005* and the *Aviation Transport Security (Prohibited Items) Instrument 2012* at: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/>

Examples of items that cannot be carried onboard. Items that are a replica or imitations of these items are also prohibited.

Sporting goods, kitchen utensils, tools, and other items with sharp edges or points capable of injuring a person			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axes, hatchets or similar • Box cutters • Crampons • Darts • Drills • Ice axes and ice picks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice skates • Knives or knife-like (whether or not made of metal), including leather working knives • Meat cleavers • Metal cutlery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open/straight razors • Rock climbing equipment such as pitons, hooks, hammers and bolts • Saws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scalpels • Screwdrivers, crowbars, hammers, pliers and wrenches • Ski poles • Utility knives
Sharp items that are not weapons but are capable (with or without modification) of causing harm by penetration			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter openers • Bodkins • Pointed metal scissors, manicure scissors and scissors with blades more than 6cm long 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Razor blades • Hypodermic needles (without proof it is medically required) 	
Blunt items that are able to be used to bludgeon or threaten to bludgeon a person			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball, softball and cricket bats • Billiard, pool or snooker cues • Hockey and lacrosse sticks 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf clubs • Pieces of wood, metal or any other materials big enough to threaten a person 	
Household flammable goods			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerosol containers, including spray paint • Petrol and any other flammable liquid 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fireworks • Toy caps 	
Items capable of being used to restrain a person			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cable ties • Handcuffs 			
Weapons			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearms, flares, gun powders • Daggers, flick-knives, star knives, shuriken throwing irons, stars, harpoons, sabres, swords and swordsticks and similar things and spears • Disabling and incapacitating chemicals, gases or sprays, such as mace, pepper or capsicum spray, tear gas, acid sprays and animal-repellent sprays • Billy clubs, leather billies, blackjacks • Martial arts equipment such as knuckle dusters, clubs, coshes, rice flails and numchucks, kubatons, kubasaunts, night sticks and batons 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballistic knives and similar devices designed to discharge a projectile by means of an explosive or other propellant or mechanism, blow pipes, cross-bows, spear guns, hunting slings, catapults, slingshots, bows and arrows • Stun guns, cattle prods and tasers • Dynamite, explosives (plastic or otherwise), blasting caps, blow-torches, detonators, fuses and detonator cord, explosive flares in any form, grenades, mines and other explosive military stores, smoke cartridges • Explosive flares in any form • Smoke cartridges • Botoxins and infectious substances, eg. preparations of anthrax spores • Chemicals toxins, eg chemical warfare agents 	



Dangerous Goods

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The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) also has a list of [dangerous goods](#) that are not permitted in your carry-on or checked baggage.

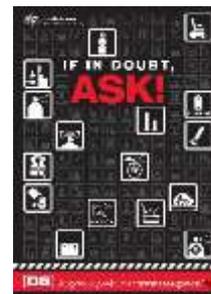
Before you pack, visit the [Can I pack that? dangerous goods app](#) to check what items you can and cannot take onboard.

Dangerous goods are items or substances that when transported by aircraft are a risk to health, safety, property or the environment.

Dangerous goods

- Explosives
- Compressed gases
- Poisons
- Lithium batteries
- Radioactive materials
- Strong acids
- Aerosols
- Flammable liquids
- Dangerous or volatile chemicals

⚠ Because of the large number of items passing through security, it is not possible to list them all. Security screening officers and the airline are responsible for ensuring security standards are met and have the final say about what items are permitted. Check with your airline before travel as they may have additional restrictions.



Items Permitted

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Examples of common items that may be permitted.

Household and personal items

- Plastic cutlery knife
- Fork with square-ended or round-ended tines and a handle that is round-ended and non-detachable
- Blunt-ended or round-ended scissors with blades less than 6cm long
- Safety razor
- Hypodermic needle (if accompanied with medical proof)

Flammable goods

- Matches and lighters
- Perfume
- Lighter fluid
- Alcohol

For more information refer [liquid, aerosol and gel restrictions](#) and [dangerous goods](#).

Other items

- Allen keys (under 6cm)
- Knitting and crochet needles
- Racquets used in squash, tennis, badminton
- Pointed metal nail files
- Umbrella with metal points