



Going through airport security can be the most unpleasant part of traveling by air. Until all the raghead terrorists are put out of action, we can expect the ordeal to continue. There's no way to avoid it, but there are ways to make it a bit easier and quicker.

1. If you're slowed down by years or handicapped in any way, whether in a wheelchair or not, get a note from your doctor asking that you be permitted to board early. First, when you get to security check-in, show the note, and you may be permitted to go quickly through a separate, shorter line. Do the same at the check-in desk. It's especially helpful when you fly Southwest or other no-reserved-seating airline. 2. Know the latest information on carry-on item restrictions. For example, liquids must be in containers of 3 oz or less, and put brushes, combs and other personal items in clear plastic zip bags. They'll go easier if inspector has to examine them.

3. Laptops must be in plastic trays alone, out of their cases and easy for inspection. Same for all other electric and electronic devices.

4. Wear easy on-off shoes, so you can take them off and put back on quickly. Also, wear a coat with many pockets to put in the tray, so you can jam watches, pens, wallets, booklets and other stuff into them. After inspection, you can sort them out again.

5. It may be difficult in the busy, busy security line to keep your cool, but if you want the procedure to go as quickly as possible, don't get upset. The inspector has probably gone through hours of hassle and complaints by the time you go by, and a kind word can make a big difference, and maybe even help speed your way with a smile.