

What can you take through airport security?

Aviation Security

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Introduction

This document is a guide to whether or not certain items may be carried in cabin baggage, along with any associated conditions. Under European Regulations, many items are prohibited. In addition to these, other items may not be permitted if a security officer considers them to be dangerous. You should check with the airport you are departing from if you have any concerns

Further information is available from the [Department for Transport](#) and the dangerous goods pages on the CAA website.

Liquids

Restrictions on the carriage of liquids through airport security controls have now been in force for more than ten years. Every year, millions of prohibited liquid items are still having to be abandoned at airports by passengers who have forgotten to pack them in hold baggage. The cost of this to both passengers and airports is immense and leads to longer queues to get through security.

All liquid toiletry and cosmetic items such as shampoo, sun cream, perfumes and aftershaves in containers over 100 ml must be packed in hold baggage. Where oversized liquids are found inside cabin baggage, passengers will always have to abandon them at security, or make use of a 'mail and fly' service if available. Apart from some specific items mentioned below, there are no exceptions.

Definition of liquid items

Liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) are all liquid items for aviation security purposes. This includes all drinks, toiletry and cosmetic items such as shampoo and shower gel, toothpaste, liquid/aerosol deodorant, hairspray, hair gel, mascara and foundation cream. It does not include solid deodorant sticks and solid bars of soap. Food items such as jam, honey and peanut butter are all considered to be liquids, as are all other items of a similar consistency. Note that liquid/solid mixtures of food, such as solid food in a sauce, are also considered liquids.

Liquid restrictions through security

LAGs can be carried in individual containers not exceeding 100 ml each. These must be placed in a resealable plastic bag (not tied or knotted) that is transparent and measures approximately 20 cm by 20 cm. The contents must fit comfortably so that the bag can completely close. Each passenger, including children, may carry one such bag in their cabin baggage. This must be presented separately to cabin baggage. There are exceptions for medication, explained below.

Medication

All prescription medication and dietary liquids that you have medical confirmation for are allowed. Any that are in containers of 100 ml or less may be placed in a re-sealable plastic bag as above if you wish. This can be carried in addition to a bag containing toiletry and cosmetic items and must be presented separately to cabin baggage. Any containers over 100 ml must also be taken out of cabin baggage, and will be subject to additional screening.

The security officer may ask to see your medical confirmation. This could be your name on a prescription label or a letter from your doctor. You should only carry the amount you need for your trip.

If the label on the medication or medical confirmation states that medication must be kept cool, you may carry an ice pack or cooling gel pack in cabin baggage. These will need to be removed for separate screening.

These conditions only apply to prescription medication. Over-the-counter medicines are subject to the same restrictions as toiletry/cosmetic liquids.

Baby food and milk

When travelling with a baby, the following may be carried. They must be presented separately to your cabin baggage for additional screening:

- Baby food (in cans, glass bottles or pouches)
- Milk (any required type for the trip, in bottles or cartons)
- Sterilised water in a baby bottle

Passengers may carry expressed breast milk in containers of up to two litres in liquid form only (i.e. not frozen). There is no limit on the number of containers that may be carried. A baby does not have to be present to carry expressed milk.

Other items

Item	Allowed in cabin baggage?	Details
Ashes - human/ animal	Yes	Ensure that these are carried in a ceramic, plastic or wooden container to enable effective screening. They should not be carried in a metallic or crystal container. We recommend that you carry a certificate from the crematorium or funeral home confirming that the cremation has taken place.