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TSA discovers loaded firearms at Oklahoma City and Tulsa Airports

OKLAHOMA CITY, Texas — The Transportation Security Administration discovered a loaded firearm at Will Rogers World Airport (OKC) in Oklahoma City this morning, as well as a loaded firearm at the Tulsa International Airport (TUL) yesterday.

At approximately 6:30 a.m. at OKC, TSA discovered a 9mm Glock 26 firearm, loaded with 10 rounds, in a carry-on bag during checkpoint screening. On Monday, July 28, at 2:45 p.m., a 9mm Beretta Nano firearm, loaded with six rounds, was discovered by TSA during checkpoint screening at TUL. In both cases, per standard procedure, TSA alerted airport police. The PD at each airport took possession of the weapons and interviewed the passengers.

“Firearms and ammunition, along with firearm parts and realistic replicas, are always prohibited at the TSA security checkpoint,” said TSA spokesperson Carrie Harmon.

These items can be transported in checked baggage, provided the traveler declares them to the airline during the ticket counter check-in process. Firearms in checked baggage must be unloaded and stored in a locked, hard-sided container.

This is the 14th firearm discovered during checkpoint security screening at OKC so far this year, and the 10th at TUL. Nationwide, TSA officers have found more than 1,070 firearms at airport security checkpoints so far this year.

TSA has the authority to levy a civil penalty of up to \$11,000 against a passenger who brings a firearm to the checkpoint. For more information, visit the [prohibited items](#) and [firearms and ammunition](#) pages at tsa.gov.

ON BACKGROUND: Any determination about a criminal charge is up to law enforcement. TSA has the ability to assess a civil penalty for firearms. The following document provides information about civil penalties:

http://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/assets/pdf/enforcement_sanction_guidance_policy.pdf

(Scroll down to section VI-Individuals for dollar amounts)



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Traveling with Firearms and Ammunition Factsheet

The Transportation Security Administration detects firearms and other weapons at security checkpoints daily. Below is a list of tips to help travelers become familiar with the rules for traveling with these items.

Firearms

- Travelers may transport unloaded firearms in a locked, hard-sided container as checked baggage only.
- All firearms, ammunition and firearm parts, including firearm frames, receivers, clips and magazines are prohibited in carry-on baggage. Rifle scopes are permitted in carry-on and checked bags.
- All firearms, ammunition and parts in checked baggage must be declared at the airline ticket counter during the check-in process.
- Replicas of firearms are also prohibited in carry-on bags and must be packed in checked baggage.
- Travelers are encouraged to check regulations related to carrying firearms where they are traveling from and to, as laws may vary by destination.



Ammunition

- Firearm magazines and ammunition clips, whether loaded or empty, must be securely boxed or included within a hard-sided case containing an unloaded firearm.
- Small arms ammunition, including ammunition not exceeding .75 caliber for a rifle or pistol and shotgun shells of any gauge, may be carried in the same hard-sided case as the firearm, as long as it follows the packing guidelines described above.
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Law Enforcement Officers

There are certain limited exceptions for law enforcement officers who may fly armed by meeting the requirements of Title 49 CFR § 1544.219. Law enforcement officers traveling with firearms can visit the LEO Travel page on the TSA website for a list of policies.

TSA must resolve all alarms in checked baggage. If a locked container carrying a firearm alarms, TSA or the airline will make a reasonable attempt to contact the owner. If contact is not made, the container will not be placed on the aircraft.

For specific types of firearms and ammunition allowed in checked baggage, visit tsa.gov.

Before leaving home, travelers are encouraged to check their baggage to ensure they are not traveling with any prohibited items including firearms, firearm parts and ammunition to avoid a possible arrest or civil penalties.

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