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All passengers who are approved for **TSA Pre✓®** eligibility must undergo screening. Not all airports offer **TSA Pre✓®** security screening and, at the airports that do offer **TSA Pre✓®** security screening, the technology available, whether Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) or Walk-Through Metal Detector (WTMD), will differ.

Passengers who are approved for **TSA Pre✓®** eligibility may benefit from:

- Shorter lines and shorter wait times; and
- Not removing shoes, belts, light outerwear/jackets, or 3-1-1 compliant bags.

To facilitate your **TSA Pre✓®** experience, prior to screening, passengers who use wheelchairs and scooters, and who are eligible for **TSA Pre✓®**, must:

- Present their boarding pass and government-issued ID to the TSA travel document checker;
- Have the TSA travel document checker scan the boarding pass; and
- If approved, proceed to the **TSA Pre✓®** lane.

At the beginning of the **TSA Pre✓®** security screening process, it is important for passengers to:

- Inform the TSA officer about their disability or medical condition;
- Inform the TSA officer if they can stand or walk unassisted;
- Inform the TSA officer of any sensitive area where pain or medical complications could happen if touched;





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- Inform the TSA officer of any medical devices that are attached to the body, and
- Inform the TSA officer if they need assistance.

If you use a wheelchair or scooter, and you are **TSA Pre✓®** eligible, then:\

- If you are unable to walk or stand, an Explosives Trace Detection (ETD) search will be conducted while you are seated in the wheelchair or scooter. You can be screened without standing, walking, or being required to transfer out of the wheelchair or scooter.

- If you are able to stand, but cannot walk, an ETD search will be conducted while you stand near the wheelchair or scooter. Inform the TSA officer if you need to sit in the wheelchair or scooter.

- If you can walk and stand, you may be screened by technology, or you may opt out of screening by technology and receive a pat-down. To be eligible to be screened by AIT, you must be able to walk and stand alone and raise your arms for 5-7 seconds unassisted.

Regardless of how passengers are screened, the wheelchair or scooter will be inspected. The wheelchair or scooter will also be tested for traces of explosives, and any removable pouches or bags will be required to undergo X-ray screening.

If you are screened, and there is no alarm, you may be cleared through the checkpoint. If screening reveals an anomaly, then additional screening will be conducted, which may include a pat-down procedure.





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If passengers are screened using a pat-down, it is important to know the following:

- Pat-downs will be conducted by a TSA officer of the same gender.
- Passengers may ask for private screening at any time.
- A companion may be present during the private pat-down screening with the TSA officers, and this companion will be rescreened when the pat-down is completed.
- Passengers may request a chair if they need to sit.
- Passengers should not be asked to or be required to remove or lift any article of clothing to reveal a sensitive body area.

Children who appear 12 years of age or younger, and who are accompanied by a confirmed **TSA Pre✓®** parent or guardian, are not required to provide a confirmed **TSA Pre✓®** travel document.

Remember to enter your *Known Traveler Number* (KTN) when you book your flight to get **TSA Pre✓®** benefits.

Go to tsa.gov for more information about technology used to test for traces of explosive material. For more information about **TSA Pre✓®** go to tsa.gov and click on the **TSA Pre✓®** link.



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