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TSA advises travelers departing Yampa Valley Airport to arrive early and prepared due to construction in the security checkpoint

HAYDEN, Colorado - Officials with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) advised travelers departing Yampa Valley Airport (HDN) in Hayden, Colorado, that due to construction in the security checkpoint over the next three weeks, it is imperative to arrive early and prepared for the security screening process.

TSA on Monday began installing three new computed tomography (CT) X-ray scanners to screen carry-on luggage. In addition, the security checkpoint is being reconfigured.

The new CT scanners will be used to screen travelers' carry-on luggage in the security checkpoint. CT units apply a sophisticated algorithm as they generate a 3-D image of the contents of the carry-on bag. A TSA officer can manipulate the 3-D X-ray image on-screen to allow for a better view of the bag's contents, ultimately reducing the number of bag checks that are required.



TSA security checkpoint at Yampa Valley Airport in Hayden, Colorado, prior to reconfiguration and installation of three X-ray scanners.

When a carry-on bag is screened through a CT scanner, travelers can leave everything in their carry-on bag, including electronics larger than a cell phone and food. The opening to the X-ray tunnel on a CT unit is slightly smaller than on a traditional X-ray unit so TSA advises travelers not to force larger items into the tunnel, but to ask a TSA officer for assistance. Another feature of the CT scanner system is every carry-on item must be placed in a bin for screening.

The CT scanners at HDN are expected to be fully operational by early July.

Travel advice

Regardless of what airport a travelers is departing from, TSA is asking travelers to arrive early and prepared for the screening experience to allow for timely completion of every step of the travel process. To help things go smoothly, please follow these tips:

Listen for guidance from TSA officers. Some people may not have traveled recently, so it is important to listen to the direction provided in the security checkpoint. There may be information on new technologies that help reduce touchpoints and make for a more streamlined and convenient passenger experience, so listen up!

Empty your pockets prior to arriving in the checkpoint. Place wallets, phones, keys, sunglasses and other loose items from your pockets inside your carry-on bag instead of placing them in a bin. This will ensure personal items are not left behind.

Follow the rule for traveling with liquids. Gels, liquids and aerosols are limited to 3.4 ounces (100 ml) or less in carry-on luggage. The general definition for this rule is that if you can spill it, spray it, pump it or pour it, then it is subject to the liquids restriction rule. Anything in quantities larger than 3.4 ounces should travel in checked baggage.

Pack smart. Travelers should be aware of the contents of their carry-on bags and make sure they are not bringing prohibited items to the security checkpoint. To determine whether an item is allowed or prohibited in carry-on luggage, download the *MyTSA* app and use the “Can I Bring?” feature. Another option is to contact @AskTSA on Twitter or Facebook Messenger to get answers to your travel questions.

Enroll in [TSA PreCheck](https://www.tsa.gov/precheck)[®]. Experience a smoother screening process by enrolling in TSA PreCheck[®]. Eligible travelers do not need to remove shoes, belts, light outerwear, laptops, electronics larger than a cell phone or travel-size liquids from carry-on luggage. Start the enrollment process online at www.tsa.gov/precheck.

Give yourself plenty of time at the airport. Extra time may be needed for parking, at airline check-in counters and in the security checkpoint. There is no substitute for arriving early and prepared.

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