

TRAVELERS, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AT THE AIRPORT

The Transportation Security Administration (“TSA”) recently instituted extremely intrusive and humiliating new procedures and technologies for passenger screening. Traditional metal detectors are still in use, but you may also encounter:

Advanced Imaging Technology (aka Naked Body Scanners) – The naked body scanner uses radiation to provide TSA with an electronic image of your naked body, including breasts, genitals, buttocks, and external medical devices. You may also be subjected to an “enhanced” pat-down. You can opt-out of the naked body scanner by requesting an “enhanced” pat-down instead.

Enhanced Pat-Downs – If you opt out of the metal detector or naked body scanner or are chosen randomly, a TSA agent of the same sex will conduct a manual search of your body. The TSA agent will run open palms or fingers around your head, collar area, and waistband and use open palms to rub and squeeze your body, including your buttocks, around

your breasts, between your legs (including your genitals), to the top of your thigh.

- **Let TSA know about sensitive areas** - Notify agents of injuries, physical conditions and medical equipment concealed under clothing.
- **Ask to be patted down in a private location with a witness.**

There are no exceptions for children. If you wear a religious head covering, tell TSA. If you must remove it, ask to do this in a private area. If your bag, laptop and/or electronics are searched or confiscated, ask for a supervisor and a receipt. If you are asked about your immigration status, decline to answer, ask to speak to a supervisor, ask to have an attorney present or ask to make a call.



You have the right to object!!

Were Your Rights Violated at the Airport?

Do you object to unlawful and ineffective invasions of your privacy and assaults on your body by TSA?

Do you want TSA to remove the naked body scanners, cancel plans to implement more, and adopt security measures that respect travelers’ dignity and privacy?

Contact:

- TSA: www.tsa.gov, click “Contact Us”
- ACLU of Hawaii: office@acluhawaii.org or P.O. Box 3410, Honolulu, HI 96801
- ACLU: www.aclu.org/tsa, click “Tell Us Your Story”



U.S. Congressmembers:

- Senator Dan Inouye: <http://inouye.senate.gov> or (808) 541-2542
- Senator Dan Akaka: <http://akaka.senate.gov> or (808) 522-8970
- Representative Mazie Hirono: <http://hirono.house.gov> or (808) 541-1986
- Representative Charles Djou (until Jan. 1, 2011): <http://djou.house.gov> or (808) 541-2570
- Representative Colleen Hanabusa (after Jan. 1, 2011): <http://hanabusa.house.gov>

State Legislators:

- Find your legislator at www.capitol.hawaii.gov
- Email all legislators at sens@capitol.hawaii.gov and reps@capitol.hawaii.gov

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