Airport Pre-board Passenger Screening Course

Participant Manual

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Passengers with artificial limbs or limbs fitted with a metal brace

The physical search of passengers with artificial limbs or limbs fitted with a metal brace should be handled with common sense and courtesy. Visually examine the limb carefully. Is it out of proportion compared to the person's arm or leg? Are there any breaks or cracks? If you suspect that an item may be concealed, inform your supervisor.

Passengers With/Wearing Objects of Sensitive, Cultural or Religious Significance

A physical search of passengers with or wearing objects of sensitive, cultural or religious significance, must be handled with common sense and courtesy. If possible, screen the passenger with the hand-held metal detector; the sensitivity of the instrument should allow you to detect any metal which could be concealed in or under a given object. The sort of objects referred to here can be a Sikh's Kirpan (see Security Notice No 38 for details), Native Spirituality Kits e.g. Sacred Bundles (see Security Notice No. 9 for details), and Phylacteries/Tephillin worn by a Jewish male over the age of thirteen. A Phylactery is a small square box, containing strips of parchment or vellum, on which verses from the Bible are inscribed. These are worn on the arm and the forehead at morning prayers.

If that is not satisfactory, ask the passenger to assist you in your inspection, i.e. have them open up the item or object for closer scrutiny. In the case of a bundle or package, consider using the hand wand on it if the container is not metal. If it is metal, explain the situation to the passenger to see if he will relent and permit you to X-ray the item/object, as this may be the last resort before the No Search - No Fly point in your conversation.