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Wherever you travel in the world, you will more than likely be forced to clear security before you can get on with your trip. Frequent flyers are known to clear security like a fresh breeze, and with the right tips you can do the same. Last month my [all inclusive Hawaiian resort](#) trip was a blast and I used these tips. Think ahead, so you're not doing all of this just as you get to the head of the line.

Clear loose change from your pockets. The change should be placed into the provided collection bin along with your wallet and your cell phone. If you are wearing any jewelry, a watch, or a belt buckle, you will have to take them off and either add them to the bin or slip them into your carry-on bag.

Consolidate books and snacks so you won't have as many things to gather back together once you've been screened.

In the United States, you have to take your shoes off. Go with a simple slip-on that can easily be taken off and put on. If you are wearing shoes with laces or zips, undo the ties or zips before you reach the front of the line, this way you don't waste time taking them off. (Take caution when putting them back on, especially if you choose to walk away before you lace them back up.)

If you are carrying on a plastic bag with your lotions, creams and other liquid products, make sure to remove it from your bag and place it in the bin with your other belongings. You are limited to smaller bottle sizes, up to 3 ounces or 100 ml max. The sealed plastic bag is essential, as detected liquid inside a carry-on bag could cause problems. Most airports around the world do allow you to carry extra liquids if they are for babies or medically necessary, but you have to tell airport security that they are in your bag and what they are.

Have a plan when you put things into bins on the screening belt. If you put things through the screening in the right order, you'll be able to put yourself back together faster afterward. Here's a good way to do this.

First put your shoes, coat and your carry-on "personal item" (usually your smaller bag) in the first bin. Since the first items come through screening first, you can start putting them back on while waiting on the rest of your items to come through.

When carrying a laptop on-board, have the case scanned first so you can slip the laptop immediately inside once it clears.

It is best to step aside with your belongings if you have been cleared but need to put your shoes back on. Look around for chairs or other areas that can be used for putting yourself together for your trip.

Leaving your bin on the belt while you put on shoes is upsetting to travelers stuck waiting behind you, but it is also frustrating for the airport agents trying to process other travelers. When a security line bottleneck occurs, it is caused by people putting on personal items at the front of the line without moving to the side...you do not want that to be you! Be careful when bringing on plants as this can cause issues too. I was not able to bring my [Plumeria](#) I bought while in Hawaii. It was the only thing that slowed me down on this trip

Now that you have read this, you should be able to move through the security lines like a professionally flyer, even if you rarely step on a plane.

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