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## What's New

## New DOT Rule for Passengers Traveling with Lithium Batteries



DOT's rule on lithium batteries in air travel, which took effect on January 1, 2008, prohibits carriage of spare lithium batteries in checked baggage, such as large suitcases you hand over to the airline for handling. If you put a portable electronic device in checked baggage, you

may still do so with the batteries installed in the device.

In carry-on baggage, you may still carry any number of some types of lithium batteries, such as the ones used in cell phones and most laptop computers, provided you take measures to protect terminals. You may also carry up to two more powerful batteries, within the limits described [here](#).

See our [What's New](#) page for details of the rule!

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your source for tips to help travelers get to their destinations quickly and safely!

[SafeTravel](#) involves more than government regulations, including giving travelers the best advice and expertise of interested parties within the travel industry, as well as within government.

So even if your travel plans are technically within U.

S. DOT regulations, [SafeTravel](#) aims to bring you safe practices to employ when packing and

Keep it Safe to travel with batteries and battery-powered devices. Find out how.



Fireworks don't fly! But here are some tips for getting your fireworks home safely in your personal vehicle



Traveling Safely with Aerosols. Here are the rules for bringing aerosols aboard a plane, in checked or carry-on baggage.



Ammunition is prohibited from aircraft cabins- but if you follow the rules, you may be able to carry it in checked baggage.



Lighters, matches, and lighter fluid are regulated even though TSA screeners no longer confiscate all lighters. Click here to find out more!



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### Getting Through Security

FAA forbids the carriage of hazardous materials on commercial aircraft, except as provided in Part 175 of the Code of Federal Regulations. TSA forbids the carriage of other items for security reasons. Click the links below to get through security, within the regulations!



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