



Transportation Security Administration

Office of Transportation Security Policy

NEW RULES FOR CARRYING URNS ON AIRPLANES

The Transportation Security Administration has implemented a new procedure affecting those passengers attempting to transport a crematory container on airplanes as carry-on baggage. One is still allowed to carry-on a crematory container, but it **MUST** pass through the x-ray machine. If the container is made of a material that generates an opaque image and prevents the security screener from clearly being able to see what is inside, then the container will **NOT** be allowed through the security checkpoint. In respect to the deceased, under **NO** circumstances will a screener open the container at any time, even if the passenger requests that this be done.

If the x-rayed image is opaque then the next option is to transport the remains in the belly of the plane as checked baggage. The crematory container will undergo testing for explosive devices and, if cleared, will be permitted as checked baggage.

Most travelers carrying an urn are understandably hesitant to check the remains of their love ones in checked baggage. For these reasons, the TSA recommends that you strongly suggest to your patrons planning on traveling with an urn that they purchase a temporary crematory container made of a material that **CAN** be successfully x-rayed such as wood, plastic, or **NON**-lead lined ceramic. Even if they want to purchase a permanent metal or lead-lined urn, they **MUST** have a temporary container that can be x-rayed for air travel.

TSA recommends that those traveling with urns arrive to the airport early to allow enough time for security screening.

If you have any further questions please refer to the TSA Travel Tips website at www.tsatraveltips.us. Go to the "Air Travel" section and refer to the "Transporting Special Items" portion. Also, you may call the TSA Call Center at **1-866-289-9673**.

Thank you for your support and participating in Transportation Security Administration's goal of "Providing World Class Security and World Class Customer Service."

Regards,

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