

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

## TSA AVIATION SECURITY POLICIES: METAL DETECTORS



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If you feel that your rights were violated in any way during the screening process, ask the Transportation Security Officer (TSO) for the name of his/her supervisor, and as many additional details as possible (date, time, names of people involved.)

You may also want to ask them to file an incident report. If you experience or have experienced discrimination during air travel, REPORT YOUR EXPERIENCE TO UNITED SIKHS at [law-usa@unitedsikhs.org](mailto:law-usa@unitedsikhs.org) or 1-646-688-3525.

### STEP 1

#### Prior to Entering the Metal Detector

#### **WATCH OUT FOR VIOLATIONS OF YOUR RIGHTS:**

- You must NEVER be singled out, pulled out of line, or made to feel alienated by the actions of TSO's before even entering the primary screening device.



After passing through the metal detector with no alarm triggered

### STEP 2

#### Automatic Secondary Screening for "Bulky Clothing" (includes Turbans): Explosive Trace Detection (ETD Test)

#### **WATCH OUT FOR VIOLATIONS OF YOUR RIGHTS:**

- You MUST be provided with three options for the ETD Test (Chemical Hand Swab with either Self Pat-Down of Turban, TSO Pat-Down of Turban, or Private Screening with option 1 or 2.)
- You NEVER have to allow the screener to touch your turban under any circumstances. You may always perform the pat-down yourself.
- You should NOT be subject to a full-body pat-down unless the metal detector's alarm was triggered.
- Your luggage should NOT be rescanned unless there is an issue arising from the x-ray of the bag. Just because you are additionally screened, does not mean your luggage is subject to an automatic re-scan without cause.
- Patkas generally do not fall within the "bulky clothing" policy, and therefore, should not be additionally screened.

### STEP 3

#### Enhanced Screening Due to Triggering of ETD

#### **WATCH OUT FOR VIOLATIONS OF YOUR RIGHTS:**

- You may have to remove your turban so that the TSO can check it. You HAVE THE RIGHT to ask for a private room with a mirror both for the removal of your turban and so that you may retie your turban.
- If the TSO asks you to put your turban through the x-ray machine because you triggered the ETD or metal handwand, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to ask the TSO to provide you with private room and they can unravel the turban rather than put it through the x-ray machine.
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