

Re: OT: Air travel carry on restrictions – what's next?

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Only once did I feel the "pat down" was inappropriate. But I flew shortly after 9/11 and they were very rude. Made me send a key ring that was a Navajo embellished obvious pin home (I wouldn't give it to them, left and mailed it home) The point on the pin was duller than the point on the mechanical pencil in my purse, and that was the time they threatened me literally at gunpoint because I started to go to a chair to take my shoes off. Now they have a seated area, but that undoubtedly did not start me off with a good attitude—neither did the one pat down that I feel was inappropriate!

I have one hip, two knees, and a stainless steel nail in my hand. I must admit when the buzzers don't go off it makes me wonder what else might get through. The knees seem to cause more of a reaction than the hip—my fat a... might be the cause of that. Hmm I am losing weight—wonder if that will cause a louder buzz!!!! or higher score, or whatever. The last time I flew they neglected to tag my carryon that they did thoroughly inspect, and when I went to board they wouldn't let me on. Had to get someone from the security area to come down and inspect the bag all over again and tag it, and I thought I was going to miss my plane! Most, if not all, of my problems have been here in Miami. Maybe it's better in other airports.

Barb C.

"Liz Hug" <lizhug1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:At-dneYnkJYbtkDZnZ2dnUVZ_oidnZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Barb, I fly fairly frequently – 3–4 times a year or more. I've had my first artificial hip since 2/02, and have flown close to 20 times since then (counting round trip). Since my second hip replacement in 1/06 I've flown 6 times. At no time did I feel that my body was invaded. The women who did the wandng and pat-downs were nothing if not apologetic and professional. Either I've been very fortunate, or I'm not as sensitive as you. In any case, I appreciate the fact that these people are doing their job, and it's for my benefit. The only time since my surgeries that I've not been stopped was in Atlanta, and I was very upset about that because I couldn't help but think that someone else might be able to slip through with a knife or worse.

Liz

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"Barbara Carlson" <bbarcarlson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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That's right, it is an every time thing. Sometimes they just do the wand thing which I don't mind, but it is every time. I understand why. With the exception of the one time when they didn't have a chair so I could sit down to take my shoes off and put them back on and they acted as if I were a terrorist when I started to walk toward a seat a short distance away, I have always been polite and tolerant of it. That doesn't mean I have to like it!

Barb C.
"Blupencl" <Blupencl.2cecwf@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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jmorngstar@xxxxxxx Wrote:

Barbara Carlson wrote:

I can't understand why you would ask that question? I consider it an invasion of my person. I don't think anyone outside of the medical profession which I choose has the right to touch me without my

consent. If

that's strange, then I'm strange. When they pull me aside and pat me

down I

consider it a personal violation. Maybe you wouldn't, but I do. I

have had

one of those "pat downs" be particularly personal—feeling between my

legs

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and my breasts. It was a
woman attendant, but I felt
it went beyond

reason.

Barb,

It is must be a personality thing, because I
think it is a small price
to pay. I travel a LOT and while I have never
been patted down in this
country, I have been patted down in many
foreign countries and by men.
When I take Nina and her wheelchair, then
she is patted down and
doesn't seem to mind.

I guess I just wanted to hear you say the
words and I guess I just
wanted to say that I am surprised that you
would feel so violated.

Janice

Janice, I think her joint replacements trigger the alarms,
probably
every time (my aunt's did). It's got to get old. I wouldn't like
it
either, but I'd do it, of course.

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Blupencl