



Airport Screening Procedures

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The following information is not a definitive guide to government legislation and does not release users of this document from their responsibilities under applicable legislation.

Seismic workers may, through the course of handling explosives during field work, have trace amounts of explosives (contamination) on their body, clothing and/or equipment. These guidelines are published to assist such workers who are required to undergo Pre-Board Screening (PBS) prior to traveling by commercial airlines.

Based on information provided by the Institute of Makers of Explosives (IME) and discussion with the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA), the following steps are recommended to facilitate a timely and untroubled boarding of aircraft:

- Keep work clothes separate from casual / street clothes and prior to traveling, place all work clothes (including footwear, gloves and hats) and equipment (cell phones and computers) that may be contaminated with trace amounts of explosives in one's luggage. Also, ensure the luggage contains identification as to the name and address of the owner and check the luggage in with the airline prior to boarding;
- Thoroughly wash off potential explosives contamination from one's body and wear street clothes that have not been exposed to explosives contamination prior to proceeding to the airport;
- Give yourself at least 30 minutes prior to boarding, to proceed through airport security;
- Should the airport security agents detect explosives contamination on yourself or your belongings;
 - Be polite and helpful in responding to their queries and directions;
 - Be able to provide:
 - Picture I.D.;
 - A business card; and
 - A letter from your employer, that advises your work involves the handling of explosives and provides a contact / telephone number to verify your occupation.
 - Be prepared for additional questioning and to undergo a manual search of your belongings; and
 - Remain calm. If you experience difficulty in convincing the security agent that you are not a security threat, ask for the presence of a supervisor.

Additional information or clarification on Pre-Board Screening (PBS) may be obtained by contacting the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) at: 1-888-294-2202 or visiting their website at: <http://www.catsa.ca/english/site/index.htm>

Note: An alternative consideration may be to travel via means of transportation that are not subject to security screening (e.g. ground travel or small/charter airlines that depart and arrive at private terminals that are not subject to CATSA).