

Airport Holiday Travel Information

Tampa, Fla. (December 20, 2002) - - The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority reminds Airport users that air travel always increases over the holiday season. To ensure a pleasant travel experience, we're offering a few travel reminders. Peak travel days will be Friday, December 20, 2002, continuing through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has informed us that they will implement the congressionally mandated screening of all checked baggage prior to the December 31, 2002, deadline. The screening process will occur at the Airport's departure (ticketing) level and travelers will see a combination of tools in use by the TSA that will add another layer of security for the benefit of the traveling public.

We have listed a few tips that will be helpful and expedite your trip through the airport:

- **"Wrap on Arrival"** - travelers should wrap their gift packages upon arrival at their destination or ship the packages in advance. Wrapped gifts in both checked and carry-on baggage may need to be opened if further security inspection is required.
- **"Allow Sufficient Time"** - Plan to arrive at the airport two hours prior to scheduled departure time.
- **"Don't Lock Checked Baggage"** - Leave baggage unlocked in case it needs to be inspected as part of the new security procedures.
- **"Carry Your Film, Don't Pack It"** - travelers should carry ALL film in their carry-on baggage. Equipment used to screen checked baggage will damage undeveloped film.
- **"Pack smart"** - place medicine and valuables in carry-on baggage.
- **"Identify your baggage"** - Place identification tags inside and on all baggage. Don't forget laptop computers.
- **"Visit Airport website"** - www.tampaairport.com - for parking information and to check airline departure time.
- **"Visit TSA website"** - www.TSATravelTips.us for additional security information
- **"Identification photo"** - Be sure to have a picture I.D.
- **"Limit Carry-Ons"** - Airlines are enforcing regulations on the size and limiting the number of carry-ons.

"Arrive early and enjoy the holidays!"

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