



Going Through Airport Security With a Portable Oxygen Concentrator

There are two ways oxygen users can pass through security depending on if they can disconnect from their concentrator during the screening process.

If your concentrator is only for periodic use or a physician determines that you can be disconnected while going through security, your portable oxygen concentrator will be placed on the belt and inspected like any other carry-on electronic device. If you can stand still and hold your arms above your head for 5 - 7 seconds without the support of another person or device you will be inspected through the image scanner. Passengers can walk thru metal detectors only if they can walk through unassisted. If the passenger cannot do either of these things, they can request a patdown.

If you can't disconnect from your concentrator you will be inspected by the patdown procedure. Patdowns will be conducted by a TSA officer of the same gender in a private screening area. Traveling companions can be present at this time if you wish or if you need their assistance. You may also request a chair if needed. Inform the agent if you have difficulty raising your arms or if there are areas of your body that are painful when touched. At this time a visual inspection of your portable oxygen device will be conducted. Trace tests for explosives will also be conducted, if abnormalities are detected, further screening may be required.

When you reach the security checkpoint, advise the officer of your condition and if you can or cannot be disconnected from your concentrator. If you are uncomfortable discussing your condition in a public place or have difficulties hearing, download and print this card. It can be filled out and handed to an agent upon arrival at the security area.



Passengers can express concerns about this process at anytime to the on site TSA supervisor or Passenger Support Specialist. If you have any further questions, TSA has set up a special hotline for passengers with special medical needs. They can be reached at 1-855-787-2227.