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NOT ALLOWING ENOUGH TIME AND LACK OF PREPAREDNESS BIGGEST MISTAKE FOR SPRING BREAK TRAVELERS Travelers Are Reminded to Allow Plenty of Time

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 9, 2016 – It's true. There are times of the day when there is little or no waiting at a WRWA security checkpoint. But travelers should not count on this as the norm. Spring break is one of the busiest times of the year at the airport and long lines at the ticket counters and security checkpoints can grow quickly.

Too often, travelers underestimate the amount of time it will take to check in and go through the checkpoint. The early morning hours are the busiest times of the day, but there are other significant peak times such as mid-morning, and early and late afternoon. Even during non-peak hours, a large group could show up and create long lines. With most flights filled to capacity, travelers do not want to risk missing a flight. The rule of thumb is to arrive one and half hours prior to departure time. This allows time to park a car, check-in and get through the checkpoint.

Besides not allowing enough time, there are other things that slow passenger processing. Typically leisure travelers check more bags and carry more items through the checkpoint. Airlines advise checking the carrier's website for rules and fees regarding checked baggage.

To get through the checkpoint as quickly as possible, TSA reminds travelers of the following tips:

- Know what is in your bag. Passengers who bring prohibited items to the checkpoint slow the screening process for themselves and everyone behind them. If in doubt about an item, use the "[When I fly can I bring my...](#)" tool on TSA.gov to make sure an item is permitted in carry-on and/or checked baggage.
- Pack liquids, aerosols, gels, creams, and pastes in compliance with the [3-1-1 liquids rule](#). Passengers who violate this rule will also cause delays for themselves and everyone behind them.
- Remove all items from pockets and place in a carry-on bag or into a bin.
- Do not over-pack carry-on bags. This enables it to move through screening faster.
- Avoid wearing large metal jewelry or clothing with large metal embellishments to reduce the possibility of alarming the screening machine.



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- Pay close attention to the instructions that the TSA officers provide at the checkpoint. This helps the process move along efficiently.
- Travelers who have medical conditions or disabilities are encouraged to call the TSA Cares toll-free helpline in advance of their trip at 1-855-787-2227 to ask about screening policies, procedures and what to expect at the checkpoint. It is recommended to call 72 hours in advance of the trip.

For more travel tips, ticket counter hours, and flight information go to flyokc.com.

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Will Rogers World Airport is the city's commercial airport and accommodates over 3.8 million travelers each year. The airport serves 22 nonstop airports with an average of 69 daily departures. Will Rogers World Airport is owned by the City of Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma City Airport Trust oversees the management and operation of the airport.