



U.S. EMBASSY CAIRO

SECURITY NOTICE – PROHIBITED ITEMS



In today's world thorough security screening at all of our public entrances has become necessary in order to guarantee the safety of both our visitors and employees. We are aware that many people find this process - which is, in fact, **very similar to that performed at any airport or federal building in the U.S.** – intrusive and unpleasant, but we can assure you that every effort is made by our guards to screen visitors as quickly and politely as possible. We ask our guards to exercise patience and tact when dealing with visitors, a task which can be greatly assisted by the cooperation and understanding of the visitors themselves.

To facilitate and speed up your entry into the Embassy, we recommend you bring no baggage. Exceptions may be made for adults accompanying small children, who may need diaper bags. Persons with large suitcases or rucksacks will not be admitted. No bags should be left outside the Embassy unattended.

Once you enter the screening area, you should be prepared to present valid government-issued photo identification and remove from your person all metallic items and put them in a box for screening, together with your coat/jacket, belt, handbag/briefcase, etc. CELLULAR TELEPHONES are prohibited beyond the security check point entrance. No exceptions.

The following items are **PROHIBITED** and cannot be brought onto the premises. Persons carrying any of the items mentioned below will be denied entry to the Embassy as long as the items are in their possession and will be asked to dispose of them. We suggest therefore that **all such items be left either at home or with a friend or relative who remains outside the premises.** Your cooperation will help to ensure everyone's safety and also guarantee that you will be on the premises as expeditiously as possible for your appointment. **While the majority of these articles are obvious security risks, they also include some commonplace items.** These prohibited items are:

ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC or BATTERY-OPERATED ITEMS – including, **but not limited to:** computers, laptops, music playback devices such as Walkman, CD, DVD, MP3, iPods, palm pilots, USB sticks, cameras, video cameras, calculators, hairdryers and shavers, game boys, electric toys, etc.

FIREARMS AND EDGED WEAPONS - Including replica or non-firing weapons, blank or starter pistols, tear gas pistols, stun guns, and toy guns; knives of all kinds, swords, scissors, cutting tools and straight razors.

EXPLOSIVES - Including fireworks, smoke bombs, pyrotechnic devices or flares, and flare guns or launchers.

CHEMICAL AGENTS, LIQUIDS and GASSES - Including all compressed air canisters or dispensers for mace or tear gas of any kind, hairsprays, deodorant sprays, cleaning chemicals and consumable liquids in glass bottles, including baby food. **However, essential and declared medical items or equipment may be brought in upon specific request. IN ADDITION,** any other items that are primarily weapons by design and/or use, including clubs, batons, saps, blackjacks, brass knuckles, nunchaku ("nun chucks"), throwing stars, throwing spikes, and spike combs.

FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH SECURITY STAFF OR FOLLOW THESE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS MAY CAUSE DELAYS OR CANCELLATIONS TO YOUR VISIT.