

# Safe Community Newsletter



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Terrorist Threat
Against Public
Transportation



### **Aviation Industry**



Following the 9/11 attacks in 2001, airports worldwide have significantly tightened security with stricter identification checks and screenings. However, overseas experiences indicate that the aviation industry remains an attractive target for terrorists and violent extremists. For safety reasons, travellers must adhere to those security measures and be vigilant to terrorist threats in airports.

# Why is the Aviation Industry an Attractive Target for Terrorists?





Critical Infrastructure



Large Crowds in an Indoor Confined Space



Significant Casualties Involving Multinational Passengers



Mass Media Attention

The following overseas attacks profoundly impacted airport security and led to the implementation of new security measures in the aviation industry:





### Liquid Bomb



On 2006-08-10, British police arrested 24 suspects who were planning to carry out suicide bombings on aircraft using liquid explosives disguised as soft drinks.



#### Underwear Bomb Attempt



On 2009-12-25, a man bypassed security with explosives concealed in his underwear aboard a flight. The device malfunctioned, causing only a fire, but injuring two passengers.



#### Brussels Airport Bombing



On 2016-03-22, two suicide bombers detonated two bombs at the airport's check-in area, resulting in 16 deaths and over 150 injuries to travellers of different nationalities.

### Ataturk Airport Attack



On 2016-06-28, three suicide bombers armed with guns and explosive belts launched an assault in the airport's terminal, resulting in 45 deaths and over 230 injuries to travellers of different nationalities.

### **Security Enhancements**

Global security agencies have strengthened measures to protect commercial flights from terrorist threats. Despite the potential inconvenience caused to travellers, these restrictions are absolutely necessary to keep everyone safe during flight.

#### **Enhanced Security Presence:**

Enhancements such as presence of armed security officers, and bomb-sniffing dogs in airport's public spaces.



### Improved Screening:

Deployment of archway metal detectors at check-points, designed to detect metallic items, along with more thorough pat-down screening for passengers and baggage screening.

All liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs) in hand baggage should be placed in containers no larger than 100ml and packed in a transparent re-sealable plastic bag with a capacity of 1 litre or less. Only one transparent plastic bag per passenger is permitted.

\*Individual destinations or airlines may have different requirements on the carriage of LAGs. Please check with your airlines or travel agent in advance.











