

Need travel advice? Text the TSA!

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You know that feeling before a big trip when you're lying awake at night, unable to sleep because you're worried about what you can and cannot bring on the plane with you?

It's stressful because it's not like you can just send a late-night text to the TSA and ask them...

...until today, that is.

The TSA has recently launched a text service that allows passengers to get a thumbs up (or down) on bringing certain items in carry-ons and checked bags.

Here is how the service works:

- Text the word **TRAVEL** to AskTSA (**275-872**)
- Choose one of the categories they respond to you with
- Ask away and get an automated response

From what I've seen, **they even have real humans responding to more complicated questions** to which the chatbot might not have a firm answer.

This is pretty cool. I know I've toiled over whether or not to bring certain things with me on trips for fear of having to leave them behind at the airport.

Having a simple, clear, and accurate way to get information straight from the TSA will definitely ease the minds of anxious travelers and those of us who occasionally bring questionable things on planes (I recently brought a traditional Omani sword back home from Muscat... that was fun).