

TSA rules allow guns, ammo in checked bags

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Flying with a gun, gun parts, or ammunition in checked luggage is allowed, according to TSA rules.

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The gunman who allegedly shot and killed multiple people in the baggage claim area at the Fort Lauderdale airport Friday had traveled there on a flight with a gun in a checked bag, authorities said

in the hours after the shooting.

“After he claimed his bag, he went into the bathroom and loaded the gun and started shooting,” Chip LaMarca, a Broward County commissioner who was briefed on the shooting by the county’s sheriff’s office, [told The Associated Press](#).

Trying to bring a gun, gun parts, or ammunition past an airport checkpoint is [prohibited](#), and Transportation Security Administration officials say they [confiscate thousands of firearms as well as ammunition from carry-on luggage each year](#).

But flying with a gun, gun parts, or ammunition in checked luggage is [allowed](#), according to TSA rules.



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The agency has [rules about how guns must be transported in checked baggage](#), including that weapons be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in.

TSA rules call for travelers flying with firearms in checked luggage to ensure they comply with state and local firearm possession and transport rules for the jurisdictions they are flying to and from, as laws can vary from one place to the next.

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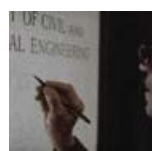
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