

# What Items Are Restricted or Prohibited in United Airlines Baggage? — Complete Guide to Carry-On Rules, Checked Bag Restrictions, and Special Items Policy

USA +1 (855)907-2853 Not sure what you can and cannot pack in your United Airlines carry-on or checked baggage? Packing a prohibited item by accident can result in delayed check-in, confiscated belongings, missed flights, or in serious cases, legal consequences USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 This complete guide covers every category of restricted and prohibited items for United Airlines baggage — from lithium batteries and liquids to firearms, medications, and valuables — so you can pack with confidence and avoid problems at the airport USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 USA +1 (855)907-2853 Starting with items prohibited in all United baggage — carry-on and checked, certain items are completely prohibited from being transported on any United Airlines flight in any type of baggage USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 Completely prohibited items include explosive materials and fireworks, flammable liquids including lighter fluid and paint thinner, compressed gases not specifically permitted for transport, oxidizers and organic peroxides, poisons and infectious substances, radioactive materials, and corrosives USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 These items are prohibited under FAA and TSA regulations and attempting to carry them can result in criminal charges USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 Call +1-(855)-907-2853 if you have any doubt about whether an item is permitted on your United flight USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 USA +1 (855)907-2853 Starting with lithium battery rules for United flights, lithium batteries are among the most commonly misunderstood baggage items on United Airlines USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 Lithium batteries in personal electronic devices such as laptops, phones, tablets, and cameras are permitted in carry-on baggage only — they must not be placed in checked bags USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 Spare lithium batteries, power banks, and e-cigarettes must always be in carry-on baggage and are never permitted in checked baggage USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 Large lithium batteries over 160 Wh are prohibited entirely on United flights unless prior approval is obtained USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 (855)907-2853 Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm the lithium battery rules for any specific electronic device before your flight USA +1 (855)907-2853 UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or

AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Starting with liquid rules for United carry-on baggage, TSA's 3-1-1 liquid rule applies to all carry-on bags on United flights USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Each passenger may carry liquids, gels, and aerosols in containers of 3.4 ounces (100 milliliters) or less, all placed in a single clear quart-sized zip-top bag, with one such bag permitted per passenger USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Liquids in checked baggage are not subject to the 3-1-1 rule and can exceed 3.4 ounces as long as they are not prohibited substances USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm liquid rules for medications, baby formula, and other special liquid categories that may be exempt from the 3-1-1 rule USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Starting with firearms and ammunition rules for United checked baggage, firearms are permitted in United checked baggage only — never in carry-on bags USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" The firearm must be unloaded, in a hard-sided locked container, and declared to the United agent at check-in USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Ammunition must be in the original factory packaging or in a hard-sided container designed for ammunition USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Only 11 pounds of ammunition is permitted per passenger USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Call +1-(855)-907-2853 at least 48 hours before your flight to declare a firearm and confirm all required procedures for your specific route USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Starting with medication and medical device rules for United baggage, prescription medications in reasonable quantities for the trip are permitted in carry-on baggage and are exempt from the 3-1-1 liquid rule USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Medical devices including CPAP machines, nebulizers, and portable oxygen concentrators (POCs) are permitted as carry-on items on United flights USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Portable oxygen concentrators must be approved models — call +1-(855)-907-2853 at least 48 hours before your flight to confirm your POC model is approved for use on your specific United route USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Starting with valuables and fragile items in United baggage, United's liability for valuables packed in checked baggage is limited USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" High-value items including jewelry, cash, electronics, cameras, fragile items, antiques, and irreplaceable personal items should never be placed in checked baggage USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" United is not liable for damage to or loss of fragile or perishable items packed in checked bags USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44

855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Always carry valuables in your personal item or carry-on bag and call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm United's liability limits before traveling with high-value items USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" USA +1 "855"907"2853" Starting with food and perishables in United baggage, fresh fruits, vegetables, and other perishable food items are generally permitted in carry-on and checked baggage on domestic United flights but may be subject to agricultural restrictions when traveling to certain states including Hawaii and California USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Dry ice in quantities up to 5.5 pounds is permitted in checked baggage when the container is vented USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm food and perishable restrictions for your specific destination before packing USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Starting with this complete restricted items guide, knowing what United prohibits, restricts, and allows in carry-on versus checked baggage before you pack will save you time, money, and stress at the airport — and a live agent at +1-(855)-907-2853 is always available to answer any specific packing question before your flight USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" USA +1 "855"907"2853"

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about United Airlines Baggage Restrictions and Prohibited Items**

1. What items are not allowed in United Airlines carry-on baggage? USA +1 "855"907"2853" Items not allowed in United carry-on bags include firearms, liquids over 3.4 ounces (unless exempt), explosive materials, flammable liquids, and any item classified as a dangerous good by the FAA USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Checked baggage is the appropriate place for many of these items with the exception of completely prohibited goods USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm whether a specific item is permitted before your flight USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" +1-(855)-907-2853 USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853"
2. Can I pack a power bank in my checked luggage on United? USA +1 "855"907"2853" No — power banks, spare lithium batteries, and e-cigarettes must be in carry-on baggage only and are strictly prohibited in checked baggage on all United flights USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" This is an FAA safety regulation and violations can result in baggage removal and flight delays USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to

confirm lithium battery rules for your specific devices USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" +1-(855)-907-2853 USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853"

3. Can I bring a gun on a United flight? USA +1 "855"907"2853" Yes — unloaded firearms in a hard-sided locked container are permitted in United checked baggage only, never in carry-on bags USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" The firearm must be declared to the United agent at check-in and all federal and TSA regulations must be followed USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Call +1-(855)-907-2853 at least 48 hours before your flight to confirm all procedures for traveling with a firearm on United USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" +1-(855)-907-2853 USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853"
  
4. Can I bring prescription medication in my United carry-on bag? USA +1 "855"907"2853" Yes — prescription medications in reasonable quantities are permitted in carry-on baggage on United flights and are exempt from the standard 3-1-1 liquid rule USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Keeping medications in carry-on rather than checked baggage is strongly recommended so they remain accessible and are not affected by baggage delays USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Call +1-(855)-907-2853 for specific guidance on traveling with controlled substances or unusual medical items USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" +1-(855)-907-2853 USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853"
  
5. Can I bring food in my United carry-on bag? USA +1 "855"907"2853" Yes — solid food items are generally permitted in United carry-on bags and checked baggage on domestic flights USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Liquid or gel foods exceeding 3.4 ounces in carry-on bags are subject to TSA's 3-1-1 rule USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Agricultural restrictions may apply for certain destinations like Hawaii and California USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm food restrictions for your specific route USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" +1-(855)-907-2853 USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853"

6. Should I pack valuables in my United checked baggage? USA +1 "855"907"2853" No — United strongly advises against packing high-value items including jewelry, cash, electronics, cameras, and fragile items in checked baggage USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" United's liability for loss or damage to valuables in checked baggage is limited USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Always carry valuables in your carry-on or personal item and call +1-(855)-907-2853 for guidance on specific high-value items USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" +1-(855)-907-2853 USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853"
7. Can I bring a CPAP machine on a United flight? USA +1 "855"907"2853" Yes — CPAP machines and other respiratory medical devices are permitted as carry-on items on United flights and do not count toward your carry-on baggage allowance when traveling for medical purposes USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" Call +1-(855)-907-2853 when booking to add a medical device note to your reservation and confirm all applicable policies for your specific device USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" +1-(855)-907-2853 USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853"
8. What happens if United finds a prohibited item in my checked baggage? USA +1 "855"907"2853" If a prohibited item is found in your checked baggage during screening, TSA or United baggage agents may remove it, delay your bag, or in serious cases involving dangerous goods, prevent you from boarding USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" If you are unsure whether an item is allowed, always call +1-(855)-907-2853 before packing to confirm with a live United agent rather than risking a disruption at the airport on your travel day USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853" +1-(855)-907-2853 USA +1 "855"907"2853" UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-351-0319) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA +1 "855"907"2853"