

## What Happens to Confiscated Items at the Airport

Approximately 900 kilograms of items \_\_\_\_\_ mistakenly by travelers per month in their carry-on luggage. But what happens after their item \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ anyone knows what to do if something like this \_\_\_\_\_.

Giving up the goods is not the only option.



Each time you leave a confiscated item at the airport you say goodbye to it. If it is a bottle of water, no big deal, but if it is a bottle of expensive perfume, it can be dramatic. In this case, you should \_\_\_\_\_ that **you have \_\_\_\_\_ options.**

First, some airports have a Confiscated Items Return Service. You can ask an airport worker \_\_\_\_\_ you can find it. Once you have deposited your item, **you have a certain amount of days to get it back.** For example, in Manchester, you have 30 days. \_\_\_\_\_, you can choose \_\_\_\_\_ your item delivered to your address if you are not planning to return back within a certain timeframe.

\_\_\_\_\_, nobody is keeping you \_\_\_\_\_ **returning to the airline's ticketing counter** and checking in your luggage that contains \_\_\_\_\_ items. Of course, that is if you are not in a rush and have \_\_\_\_\_ time. You can also give it to your friend or leave it in your car. That is why it is always better to come to the airport with time to spare.

### Where your items go if you leave them.

Some people might guess that officers take your prohibited items. This is a misconception. Some of the items, like for example, a mixed box of knives or a designer purse, go online and \_\_\_\_\_ in bulk. In the **auctions**, they can be sold for half the price, so it is a good platform for bargain hunters.

Lots of stuff \_\_\_\_\_ to **charity**. Volunteers say that up to \$50,000 can be raised. Stuff like food gets destroyed. Beverages are tossed into trash.

There is always a place for art. For example, \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 the staff at the Lithuanian airport \_\_\_\_\_ travelers that safety comes first. They made a **Christmas tree out of confiscated knives and scissors.**

The tree was 5 ft tall. It \_\_\_\_\_ over 2 weeks to create: "So if you do not want your personal, yet prohibited, belongings to land on next year's Christmas tree, better \_\_\_\_\_ the baggage requirements before you pack for your next flight."



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| 1. A lot of people know what to do if they have to leave some of their items at the airport.   | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. At every airport there is a service where you can leave confiscated things.                 | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. If you come back after the time limit of storing confiscated items it can be sent to you.   | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. You shouldn't leave such items in your car.   | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. People working at the airport take these items.   | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. The items can be bought at auctions for 50% of their price.                                 | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. Food is given to charity organizations.   | TRUE | FALSE |
| 8. The Christmas tree was made only of the dangerous left items.                               | TRUE | FALSE |
| 9. It took 2 weeks to make the Christmas tree.   | TRUE | FALSE |
| 10. In the text was mentioned a reason why we should be at the airport long before our flight. | TRUE | FALSE |

**Click on the items which you cannot have in your carry-on bag:**

scissors    glasses    knife    liquids    perfume    nail clipper  
 headphones    baseball bat    corkscrew    knitting needles    apples    cigarettes