

We're sure 99.99% of airport security people are totally honest. Wish we could say the same about politicians. However, airport thefts do happen. A recent news item told of an arrest at Newark Airport of a security guy who's suspected of regularly swiping valuables from bags going through the x-ray, moving belt and bag search areas.

To totally avoid such a theft ever happening when you fly, just follow some simple rules: 1. Know thoroughly what can be taken through security and what is banned or must be checked.

- 2. Go through security wearing a coat or vest with many pockets. Then, before you put your bags on the belt, put all jewelry, wallets and other valuables in your pockets. If you're stopped because some valuables are metal, take them out and show to the security guard as you go through the electronic gate.
- 3. If you're traveling with a companion, go through security separately, one person just ahead of the other, so that one is always watching both the front of the moving belt and as it comes through on the other side.
- 4. Always be calm, cooperative and courteous. If a security guard wants to look at your bag away from your eyesight, demand to speak to a supervisor before it can happen.