

Alert: Backscatter X-Ray

NUDE IMAGES OF YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE TAKEN

If you or your children are chosen to be scanned with the backscatter x-ray machine at this airport, graphic nude images will be produced and viewed by strangers.

The technology will expose you to high-energy particles and generate explicit images of those in the chamber. Facial features are recognizable, the image can be easily manipulated to appear like a black & white photograph, and pictures taken of children qualify as child pornography in much of the country.

The medical effects of the x-ray bombardment have not been thoroughly established, and many scientists (including Nobel Prize winning physicists) have expressed grave concerns about the absence of controlled testing.

Additionally, the scan requires that you stand with your hands up (visualize a criminal being held at gunpoint). The naked images generated will then be shown to a TSA agent in another room for scrutiny. The machinery can save these images to personal storage (aka 'Flash drives'). Though it is against TSA regulations, this has happened, so the risk is real.

Your Options

If chosen, you have the option to either:

- Enter the scanning chamber with your hands held up in the air and wait as the radiation is used to generate a nude image of you.

Or

- You may opt for a 'secondary screening' where, after the agents yell 'Opt out! Opt out!' as a standardized procedure for shaming people into using the nudity scanner, you will be physically stroked by an agent who will handle your genitals and may run their hands inside the waistband of your pants or skirt. **Note:** The TSA has recently altered their policy to exclude children under 12 in some states from this to avoid being prosecuted by law enforcement for sexual assault against minors.

What can you do?

Today, very little, but once you have arrived at your final destination, perhaps more. Many scientists and doctors recommend **opting out** of the backscatter x-ray scan until the effects are better understood. Parents who don't wish to have nude images of their children shown to isolated strangers may also wish to reconsider.

Once your travels have completed, consider contacting your state representative or other elected officials to request that they join in scrutinizing the TSA's unilateral decision to suspend the Fourth Amendment of the US Constitution. To find who your Congressperson is, visit: <http://writerep.house.gov/>

To learn more about the national backlash against the large scale invasion of privacy that's in progress, please visit <http://www.flywithdignity.org>

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

- Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution



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