



# Prohibited items



Knives



Firearms and ammunition



CS sprays and explosives



Fireworks and explosives



Stunning devices



Alcohol



Demonstration articles or items



Offensive weapons



Hard-sided bags



Illegal substances



Pets and animals



Hazardous and toxic materials



Bikes, skateboards, and rollerskates



Walkie-talkies, jammers, scanners



Wireless access points, 3G hubs

Prohibited items are things you cannot bring into London 2012 venues – you won't be allowed to enter venues if you're carrying any of these items when you arrive. If you're carrying an item that is illegal under UK law, or could be used in illegal activities, this will be escalated to the police. There are no storage facilities available and if you surrender an item, you won't be able to get it back.

Items that are prohibited from London 2012 venues are:

- Items too large to be electronically screened
  - Bicycles, folding bikes, roller-skates and skateboards
  - Pets or animals (excluding service animals)
  - All types of knives and bladed items, including pocket knives and knives carried as part of cultural dress (excluding the Sikh article of faith kirpan/ceremonial dagger)
  - Offensive weapons or implements such as bayonets, flick knives, extendable batons, sharpened combs, modified belt buckles and loose blades modified into weapons
  - Personal protection sprays such as CS or pepper sprays
  - Firearms and ammunition (including replicas, component parts or any device suspected to be a firearm)
  - Fireworks, explosives, flares and smoke canisters
  - Hazardous and toxic materials
  - Controlled drugs, including substances which look like controlled drugs
  - Items that resemble prohibited items such as replica guns or hoax explosive devices
- See the next page for the list of restricted items.
- The prohibited items are different for Football venues – please check the [Olympic Football venue pages](#) for more details.**
- Liquids, aerosols and gels in quantities greater than 100ml. Please also read the list of restrictions on liquids, aerosols and gels
  - Alcohol
  - Tents, placards, spray paint or any other item which could be used to demonstrate within the venue or sabotage property
  - Glass bottles larger than 100ml (excluding medication contained in glass bottles)
  - More than one soft-sided bag of 25 litre capacity (you must be able to fit your bag under your seat)
  - Walkie-talkies, phone jammers and radio scanners
  - Personal/private wireless access points and 3G hubs (smart devices such as Android phones, iPhone and tablets are permitted inside venues, but must not be used as wireless access points to connect multiple devices)
  - Laser pointers and strobe lights

# Restricted items

In addition, there are restrictions on the use of some items inside venues. Check with staff if you're unsure about using an item inside venues, as some items may disrupt competition, obstruct the view of other spectators or create a safety hazard.

Items that are restricted in London 2012 venues are:

- Large flags (bigger than 1 metre x 2 metres), banners and poles
- Oversized hats
- Large golf-style umbrellas
- Large photographic and broadcast equipment over 30cm in length, including tripods and monopods. You cannot use photographic or broadcast equipment for commercial purposes unless you hold media accreditation

- Excessive amounts of food
- Balls, rackets, frisbees or similar objects or projectiles
- Noisemakers such as hunting horns, air horns, klaxons, drums, vuvuzelas and whistles
- Any objects or clothing bearing political statements or overt commercial identification intended for 'ambush marketing'
- Flags of countries not participating in the Games (this excludes the flags of nations under the umbrella of a participating country such as England, Scotland and Wales)

This document should be read in conjunction with the list of [restrictions on liquids, aerosols and gels](#).