Police advice on new scanners at airport

 Lothian and Borders Police have issued some guidance about the new body scanners at Edinburgh Airport.

"The introduction of security scanners at Edinburgh Airport represent another layer of security designed to protect traveller safety. The purpose of the scanner is to detect any concealed threat or contraband being carried by passengers.

Lothian and Borders Police welcome the extensive safeguards developed to protect privacy as the image produced by the scanner is a generic stick-like figure with no distinguishable features, meaning individuals cannot be recognised.

We acknowledge some people may be apprehensive about the implications for passenger privacy; however we support our partners at Edinburgh Airport in providing accurate information about the technology in order to alleviate any concerns.

Edinburgh Airport is required to introduce security scanners (also known as body scanners) by the Department for Transport (DfT). The project is owned and managed solely by Edinburgh Airport and went live on 1 September 2012.

The scanners at Edinburgh Airport will be an additional

screening measure used for all flights departing from the airport. Edinburgh Airport can assure passengers selection for scanning will not be based on personal characteristics such as disability, sex, gender reassignment, age, race, religion or belief or sexual orientation.

Edinburgh Airport will communicate their use of this equipment to passengers via their website and by using banners, posters, information leaflets and display screens. [There is an Edinburgh Airport information leaflet here](#) produced by Lothian and Borders Police.

In addition to this information provided by the Airport, there is public information/guidance [on the DfT website](#) which includes a Code of Practice for the Acceptable Use of Security Scanners in an Aviation Security Environment and an Equality Impact Assessment Document."