

Example: Unlawful Use of Race or Ethnicity

TSA does not permit unlawful profiling. When initiating contact with members of the public, BDOs shall not target persons solely because of their race, ethnicity, or religion. BDOs may not rely on generalized stereotypes.

Read the following example and be prepared to discuss this situation.

A male passenger approaches the TSA security checkpoint at the airport. He appears to be a Sikh and is wearing a traditional head covering, called a *pagri*. He properly submits his carry-on bag for screening and passes through the WTMD properly. The x-ray inspection of the carry-on reveals nothing amiss, the man does not activate the WTMD, and all required additional screening measures for his head covering are completed. There is nothing suspicious about his activities or appearance. In the absence of any threat warning, a TSO may not order the man to undergo further inspection.