

Public Transportation Safety

Public transportation is convenient, cost-effective and environmentally friendly, and transit systems are designed and patrolled to keep riders safe. In addition to CCTV cameras, security teams and local authorities, it is also the responsibility of the rider to ensure a safe trip.



General Safety

- Tell a family member or friend of your travel route. Call them when you arrive safely.
- Have your exact fare ready.
- Don't doze off or become engrossed in a book. It can make you an easy target. Stay alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Keep your purse, bags, backpack and other belongings in your lap or between your feet. Do not leave them on an empty seat.
- Be wary of noisy passengers arguing or causing a commotion. This could be an act to distract you while others try to steal your valuables.
- If you feel threatened by other passengers, change your seat and alert the driver.
- Avoid displaying cash, credit cards or expensive looking jewelry.
- Notify the driver, police or security of any unattended packages or luggage on the bus/train or at the stop.
- In case of emergency, contact the local authorities and alert the driver immediately.

Train, Subway, Light Rail

- › As a train approaches, stay behind the warning strips. Never try to catch a moving train.
- › When waiting to board, stand to the side to avoid the people exiting.
- › Use caution when walking in the train. Sudden stops can occur at any moment, and movement can occur even when the train is stopped.

Bus

- › Plan your route. It is important to know where you are going.
- › Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop. Do not cross in front of the bus because traffic will not be stopped.
- › When possible, use a busy and well-lighted bus stop to get on and off a bus.

Taxi

- › Research a reputable taxi company in your area.
- › Taxis are easy to identify by their colors, markings, and models. Don't accept rides from unmarked cars.
- › In the taxi, note the company name, cab number, driver's name, taxi driver ID number, and photograph.
- › Wear a seatbelt.

For more information on public transportation safety...

The National Safety Council:
www.nsc.org

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:
www.nhtsa.gov



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