

Personal Safety on Public Transport



Travelling by Public Transport is generally very safe, but you can improve your safety even more by taking a few simple precautions.

- Whenever possible, find out the arrival time of your bus or train before leaving home to avoid having to wait around at the stop of station too long – and always make sure you know the time last buses or trains.
- Try and have your ticket, pass or change ready in your hand so your purse or wallet is out of sight.
- If traveling at night or in an unfamiliar area, try and arrange for someone to meet you at the bus stop or train station. Otherwise try to walk near other people with whom you feel safe, and try to walk confidently.
- If possible, wait for a bus or train in a well-lit place near other people.
- Carry extra money in case you get stranded and need to take another bus or train.
- If a bus is empty or it's after dark, you might feel safer staying on the lower deck and sitting near the driver or conductor. On trains avoid compartments which have no access to corridors or other parts of the train. Try to sit in busy compartment and avoid empty carriages.
- If you feel uneasy about someone, move to another seat or carriage.
- If you feel threatened on public transport, make as much noise as possible to attract attention of the driver or guard.