



Safety & Security Awareness



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Let's count on each other for a safe ride

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD

Fill out and keep this emergency quick reference card. Cut along the outside dotted lines, fold and carry with you at all times.

▼FOLD HERE ▼

Emergency Meeting Place

Address: _____

Alternate Bus Routes: _____

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Out-of-Town Contact

Name: _____
Address: _____
Home #: _____
Cell #: _____
Work #: _____





Ride On is committed to getting you to your destination safely.

But to keep Ride On as safe as possible, we need your help.

Be our eyes and ears. Observe and report activities and things that are out of the ordinary. Follow the safety guidelines in this flyer and be alert.

We can all count on a safe ride if we can count on each other to **be alert, watchful and aware.**

Be informed and have a transit plan of action.

- **Remain calm and follow the bus operator's instructions.**
- Assist fellow passengers and follow the Golden Rule: *"Watch out for the safety of others as you would have them watch out for your safety."*
- If you are injured or need special assistance, notify the bus operator or another passenger.

Be on the alert for suspicious . . .

Behavior

- Loitering or tampering with an unattended bus
- Individuals secretly taking pictures of transit facilities, underpasses or bridges
- Visible signs of nervousness
- Excessive sweating
- Sprayer bottles or aerosol canisters
- Inappropriate clothing that is excessively baggy or too heavy in warm weather

Packages

- Placement in an out-of-the-way location
- Individuals in the act of abandoning the package and hastily departing the area
- Unusual attached batteries, wires, tanks, bottles or bags that might contain chemicals
- An attached message
- A suspicious cloud, mist, gas, vapor, odor or seeping fluid
- Nearby individuals showing signs of illness or distress

To report suspicious activity or packages:

- Alert your bus driver.
- If you are not on a bus, **call 800-492-TIPS (8477)** and provide as much detail as possible, i.e., exact location, bus number.
- If it is an emergency, **call 911.**



Preparedness tips:

- Create an advanced plan for maintaining contact with family members if separated as a result of an emergency.
- Create an advanced plan for maintaining contact with close friends and colleagues during an extended emergency period.
- Record contact and emergency information. Keep it up to date and with you at all times.
- Familiarize yourself with other bus routes that can get you to your destination or meeting point in the event your main route is impassable.
- Familiarize yourself with all emergency instructions on the bus.
- Keep a local map handy for reference.

Call 800-492-TIPS(8477) to report suspicious activity.

For help planning alternate routes and schedule information, call the Transit Information Center:

240-777-7433

