

The most common types of crimes associated with bus and train transportation are thefts. There are things you can do to reduce being victimized.

- Tell family or friends where you are going and when you will be back.
- **Travel with others if possible.**
- Be alert, walk with confidence, know your destination and how to get there.
- Choose busy, well-lit bus stops and train stations, especially when travelling at night.
- Be aware of those around you. Be careful when someone approaches you with a simple question. Trust your instincts.
- Do not engage panhandlers. If you wish to help them, support a good charity that assists people in need.
- Carry a whistle or other personal safety device. Scream or yell if you are attacked.
- Conceal large amounts of money or expensive items such as iPods.
- Do not walk on or along train tracks.
- Do not cross train tracks unless you are at approved crossings. Do not cross if trains are approaching.
- Stay in high visibility locations at bus stops and train stations. Ensure you can see others approaching and others can see you whenever possible.
- Do not stand close to the curb at bus stops or the edge of the train platform.
- Enter and exit buses and trains one at a time. When exiting, move away from the bus or train quickly.
- If you are uneasy with the actions of others, inform the bus operator and sit at the front of the bus.
- Do not leave your purse, backpack or other property unattended in public places.
- Do not place packages / backpacks or other property under the seat where it can be accessed by others or be forgotten.
- If you are harassed on the bus or train, inform the operator / security right away.
- If robbed, yell loudly to attract attention. Try to distract the attacker so you can escape. Be a good witness - report the robbery to Police or Transit Security immediately. Record details of the attacker and occurrence as soon as possible.

Your best weapon is your brain. Use common sense, imagination, and good judgment.