



# Safety Tips for Public Transportation Passengers



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**HAVE THE EXACT FARE READY** when boarding the bus or train. Consider purchasing a reloadable “Chicago Card” from the CTA to avoid handling cash.

**USE THE CTA Bus Tracker or Train Tracker** for information about arrival and departure times.

**DURING LATE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING**, stay near the agent on duty in subways until you hear the train coming.

**FIND A SEAT ON THE AISLE.** This allows you to observe everything around you. **DON'T** get boxed in against the window.

**REMAIN IN A WELL LIT AREA** and observe the behavior of those around you. If you feel uneasy or threatened, change your seat or alert the conductor or driver.

**“CALL BACKS” ARE A GOOD IDEA!** Advise a family member, friend or co-worker of your travel route and call them when you arrive. Don't take alternate routes, use well lit, heavily traveled streets with good visibility.

**IF SUSPICIOUS PERSONS ARE** hanging around the station, platform or ticket booth **CALL THE POLICE!**

**AVOID DISPLAYING EXPENSIVE** looking watches rings and necklaces. Whenever possible remove or cover up chains and rings or turn rings around so stones cannot be seen.

**LADIES SHOULD CARRY HANDBAGS THAT CLOSE TIGHTLY.** Carry it securely, in front of you where can see it.

**KEEP WALLETS ON THE INSIDE** coat pocket or side pants pocket – never in your back pants pocket.

**MINIMIZE THE CHANCES OF LOSING** your property to a pickpocket by avoiding crowds or crowding up at bus and subway car doors when exiting or entering.

**JOSTLED? BE AWARE – A PICKPOCKET** may be responsible.

**IF YOUR POCKET HAS BEEN PICKED**, call out immediately to warn the driver, conductor and everyone else there is a pickpocket on board.

*PURSE SNATCHERS, PHONE THIEVES  
AND PICKPOCKETS CANNOT BE  
STOPPED UNLESS THE CRIME IS  
REPORTED!!*

**CALL 9-1-1  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**