

Trainee: Trainer: Date:			Time Started: Ended:	
SKILLS	Depart	Return	NOTES	
Trip Planning				
Knows departure route number, name and direction				
Knows where to catch bus				
Knows time to catch bus				
Knows if transfer is needed				
Knows transfer route no., name, direction (if applicable)				
Knows where to catch transfer bus				
Checks weather				
Dresses appropriately				
Checks to see if has fare				
Checks to see if has emergency extra fare (enough for two trips)				
Checks to see if has cell phone or change for a pay phone				
Checks to see if carrying ID and emergency contact information, keys				
Tells contact by phone or in person where he/she is going and expected time of arrival"				
Walking to Bus Stop	Depart	Return		
Walks in the safest place on the sidewalk, or on left side of road if there is no sidewalk				
Chooses the safest place on the street to cross				
Stops to cross at a safe distance behind the curb				
Obeys all signs and signals				
Scans all ways before crossing street				
Looks left, right, and left again before crossing				
At a pedestrian light, obeys pedestrian signals				
ا X (not applicable	P (with pro (independe e) – task is r e effective	ompt) – trai ently) – train not applicab and polite w	Scoring: se requires direct instruction/modelling to perform task nee is able to perform task with a verbal or visual hint see requires no instruction or reminders to perform task le to particular trainee or trip (e.g., no transfer on route being learned) rording of a request for help," or "Can describe what to do in a real emergency or when in danger (yell for the trainee role play the task, and score accordingly.	

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Trainee: Trainer:	Date:		Time Started: Ended:
Waiting at Bus Stop	Depart	Return	NOTES
Waits at the safest place on the sidewalk or side of the road if			
there is no sidewalk			4
Respects the personal space of others- arm's length		_	
Does not reveal personal information to others			
Holds on to bags, possessions, fare, securely			
Can point out natural supports in the area: businesses,			
neighbours known to person, or other places nearby to get help if needed			
Can demonstrate effective and polite wording to request for			-
help			
Can describe what to do in a real emergency or when in danger	·		
(yell for help)			
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Getting on the Bus	Depart	Return	
Gets on to correct route number			
Remains a safe distance from curb as bus pulls up			
Lines up politely, respecting the personal space of others			
Does not push against bus doors			
Fare ready to present, puts pass away securely after			
Enters bus safely			
Indicates if ramp is needed			
Sits or stands safely, as close to the driver as possible, using			
hand rails			
Riding Bus			
Respects the personal space of others			
Does not reveal personal information to others			
Holds on to bags, personal possessions			
Pays attention to upcoming stops			
Recognizes landmarks close to desired stop	<u> </u>		
Addresses Driver politely,knows to stand behind yellow line if			1
talking to driver			

Sco	P (with prompt), I (independer	ntly) X (not applica		
Trainee: Trainer:	Date:		Time Started: Ended:	
Getting off the Bus	Depart	Return		NOTES
Recognizes approach of desired stop				
Pulls cord/pushes button to request stop				
Proceeds safely to middle door or ramp as appropriate				
Lines up politely, respecting the personal space of others				
Does not push against bus doors				
Exits when bus has stopped, doors opened and safe to do so (ramp down if needed), minds gap to curb				
Waits until bus has driven away to cross street if necessary, does not attempt to cross in front on bus				
Crosses street at the safest place				
Stops at a safe distance behind the curb				
Obeys all signs and signals				
Scans all ways before crossing				
Looks left, right, and left again before crossing				
At a pedestrian light, obeys pedestrian signals				
(If transfer required) Goes to correct stop to accomplish transfer				
Gets on correct bus number to accomplish transfer (if required)				
Can point out natural supports in the area: businesses, neighbours known to person, or other places nearby to get help if needed				
Can demonstrate effective and polite wording of a request for help				
Can describe what to do in a real emergency or when in danger (yell for help)				
Walks safely to destination				
Phones contact person to let him/her know has arrived safely				
Knows how to locate a bathroom				
Can desciribe how to handle emergency in bathroom				
Can describe/demonstrate elevator or stairwell safety precautions				
Hours spent on field training with trainee:			Trainer Signature:	
Hours Spent on documentation:				

	Comments about Training from Trainees Interviewed as of June 7 2012							
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ID NO.	AGENCY	SESSION	TRAINING COMPLETED	RE:TRAINING EXPERIENCE	SPECIFY NEGATIVE COMMENT RE: TRAINING			
001	Choices	1	Completed	N/A	N/A			
					"I was kind of nervous" , said was sad one day			
					when he dldn't know which way the bus was			
	Choices		Demitted	says he loved it				
	Christian Horizons		Completed	likes everything	N/A			
004	Community Living	1	Completed	``I like it``	N/A			
005	Community Living	1	Completed	likes her trainer	N/A			
				"She tells me how, we talk a lot, I				
	Community Living		Completed	enjoy myself``	N/A			
007	Community Living	1	Completed	likes learning different routes	N/A			
				``That`s doing excellent`` says				
	Lawson		Completed	laughs a lot with trainer	N/A			
009	Lawson	and the second s	Demitted	N/A				
010	Lawson	1	Completed	likes learning another place to go	N/A			
011	Lawson	1	Completed	likes learning new bus routes	N/A			
				``I learned more safety, that helps				
012	Lawson	1	Completed	especially when crossing``	N/A			
				says it's going very well, it gets				
013	Rygiel	1	Not Yet Completed	him out	Agency trainer has become unavailable			
				says it is funs and she is learning				
014	Rygiel	1	Completed	more now than she knew before	N/A			
	Rygiel		Completed	likes it, and the free pass	N/A			
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017	Rygiel	1	Not Yet Completed	likes everything	Agency trainer has become unavailable			
				says training is going "very				
018	Christian Horizons	2	Not Yet Completed	good"	Doesn't like early morning training sessions			
				``I`m learning different bus				
019	Community Living	2	Not Yet Completed	routes``	High School students who swear			

				SPECIFY POSITIVE COMMENT	
ID NO.	AGENCY	SESSION	TRAINING COMPLETED	RE:TRAINING EXPERIENCE	SPECIFY NEGATIVE COMMENT RE: TRAINING
020	Community Living	2	Completed	``(Trainer) is a nice guy``	N/A
021	Community Living	2	Completed	likes his trainer	N/A
022	Lawson	2	Not Yet Completed	"I get to go new places"	N/A
				"I'm enjoying it, I like going to	
023	Lawson	2	Not Yet Completed	Stoney Creek"	N/A
024	Lawson	2	Not Yet Completed	on the bus"	Felt kind of embarrassed about being on the bus with a trainer, as an adult, feels like sometimes people are looking at him funny
				"The fact that I'm really	
025	Lawson	2	Not Yet Completed	figuring out where to go"	N/A
026	Lawson	2	Not Yet Completed	"I like taking the bus to (program) and trying to do that on my own. Me and (trainer) are having a good time doing it" "I like my trainer"	"Coming home on the bus, (trainer) said I wasn't paying attention
027	Lawson	2	Not Yet Completed	likes learning new routes	"The walking, the waiting" "sometimes crowded"
028	Lawson	2	Not Yet Completed	Likes becoming more independent	"I like to know where I am going before I get on the bus" "Some bus drivers can be rude"
				"I like it because I can kearn	
029	Lawson	2	Completed	different bus routes"	N/A
				Likes taking a lot of buses, "I	Feels like people are looking at her on the
030	Lawson	2	Not Yet Completed	do like training"	bus, noise
					Finds it stressful to get off at the right stop,
				the bus,", "Really good, I love	doesn't like it when there are a lot of
031	Lawson	2	Not Yet Completed	it"	people on the bus
032	Lawson	2	Completed	"I love training," "It's fun"	N/A

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				"like everything," "Nice riding	"Maybe scary sometimes," "Somebody
				the bus. I go to the library and	bothered me. I just walk away and sit
033	Rygiel	2	Not Yet Completed	jackson square"	beside (trainer)"
				Nitio gaing good when I first	
024	Chariel Needs Convisor		Completed	"It's going good, when I first	N/A
034	Special Needs Services		Completed	met my trainer she was nice"	
				"I like everything and I am	
035	Special Needs Services	2	Completed	having fun"	N/A
				"It's new to me to learn about	
	Special Needs Services		Completed	new buses to take"	N/A
037	Woodview	2	Completed	says he likes everything	N/A
038	Choices	3	Not Yet Completed	N/A	N/A
039	Choices	3	Not Yet Completed	N/A	N/A
				"Very thankful to have (name) as my trainer," "I think this program is very refreshing, very vibrant, let's continue	
040	Community Living	3	Not Yet Completed	it"	N/A
	Community Living		Not Yet Completed		N/A
042	Community Living	3	Not Yet Completed	"(Trainer) is kind"	N/A
043	Community Living	3	Not Yet Completed	"I like (trainer)," "I like to learn"	N/A
044	HWCDSB	3	Not Yet Completed	says he likes everything	N/A
				says training is going "very	
045	HWCDSB	3	Not Yet Completed	good"	N/A
046	HWCDSB	3	Not Yet Completed	says likes everything about it	N/A
047	HWCDSB	3	Not Yet Completed	"I love the drivers	"Some people are creepy"
049	HWCDSB	3	Not Yet Completed	"Training is going well"	N/A
055	Lawson	3	Not Yet Completed	``lt is awesome``	N/A

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				Likes learning to go to	
056	Lawson	3	Not Yet Completed	Limeridge	N/A
				Likes taking the bus and going	
057	Woodview	3	Not Yet Completed	out for lunch	N/A
				says he just likes the whole	
058	Woodview	3		thing	N/A

Community Access to Transportation Update October 2012



Hello Everyone! Hope you all had a restful and relaxing summer. Last May, trainee Christine introduced us to her dog Wonder, whom she relies on to help her travel independently. She told us about the different kinds of **service and guide dogs** there are, and how we can help these working dogs do their job by treating them with respect: remember, don't pat, feed or distract a dog when it is working. She shared a poem about Wonder with us:

My Dog Wonder the Guide Dog

This poem must be told It is how help can truly unfold When epilepsy strikes you down and you are frightened and all alone it's a Challenge you have to face So I met the challenge When my dog Wonder came into my life It was "LOVE" at first sight Wonder is my Rescue Dog Faithful and Brave Her job is my life to save When I fall down I know she's there Wonder will never leave my side Our paths together are securely tied Wonder is my truest friend and will be until the very end





In June, **Constable Steve Mahler from Hamilton Police Services** spoke to us about personal safety when we are travelling in our community. Airborne Video Productions was on hand to videotape his talk. We will show this video in the future, for those who were not able to see him in person.



NEXT MEETINGS:

On Friday October 26, from 6-7 pm (note the later start time), someone from Operation Lifesaver/GO Transit will be at Freeway Coffeehouse to talk about pedestrian safety at level railway crossings (we have a lot of those Hamilton).

In November, we will meet on **Friday**, **November 30**, **from 5**-**6 pm** at Freeway Coffeehouse. Topic: to be announced, but we know it is going to be good!

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ABOUT COMMUNITY ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION

The Community Access to Transportation project is fully funded by the City of Hamilton. It is administered through The Salvation Army Lawson Ministries, a community-based, residential support program designed to support adults with dual diagnosis including developmental disabilities and psychiatric concerns. Community Access to Transportation is run in partnership with developmental services agencies from across the city of Hamilton to train people who use these services to ride public transit independently and safely. This way, Community Access to Transportation ensures that field trainers are already qualified, agency-employed developmental services staff.







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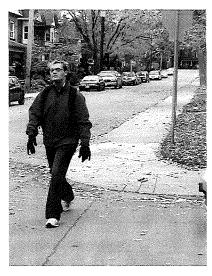


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The Community Access to Transportation project is a program that trains adults who use developmental services in Hamilton to ride the bus independently.

Community Access to Transportation was built by the Developmental Services Transportation Committee, a group of people who work in developmental services agencies across Hamilton. The first part of training is taught in a classroom. The second part of training is taught to each trainee on his or her own, with a trainer, on the bus. When trainees successfully finish training, they are given free monthly HSR passes for one year. The project will last until October 2013 with the goal of training 200 people to use the HSR safely and independently. These are some of the skills that will be taught both in class and on the bus:

- Planning a route
- Getting to the bus stop safely (including sidewalk safety)
- Waiting safely (including safety with strangers)
- Getting on the bus safely
- Riding the bus safely
- Getting off the bus safely

During individual bus training, each trainee chooses which route he or she would like to learn, and practices it with a trainer. All Community Access to Transportation trainers work for developmental services agencies in Hamilton, and so know how to teach skills to people according to their personal needs.

COMMITMENT REQUIRED

Each classroom session includes 2 classes a week for four weeks, followed by up to 40 hours of individual training on the bus. The classroom sessions will be held roughly every two months, at different places and times across the city. Individual bus training hours are arranged by each trainee with his or her field trainer. Finally, each month for one year, trainees meet with the project coordinator to collect their free HSR passes and to be interviewed about their experiences riding the bus on their own.



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Bus Riding Basics



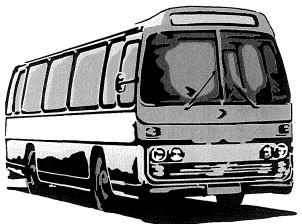
Lesson 2



Session 5 September 2012

Waiting Safely

for the bus



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And you'll get to where you need to go

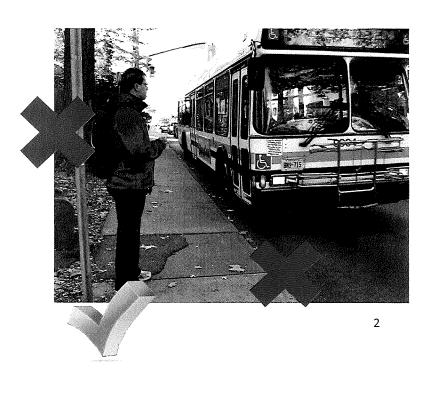


Where to Wait for the Bus



Wait beside the bus stop sign.

Where to Wait on the Sidewalk



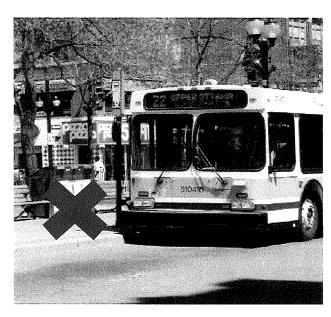
Wait on the inside of the sidewalk.

Don't wait past the curb on the road.

Wait in the middle of the sidewalk.

Don't wait too close to bushes and buildings.

Getting Off the Bus Safely



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If you need to cross the street to get to where you want to go, find a safe place to do it.

DO NOT CROSS THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE BUS. Wait until the bus pulls away so you have a clear view of all traffic.

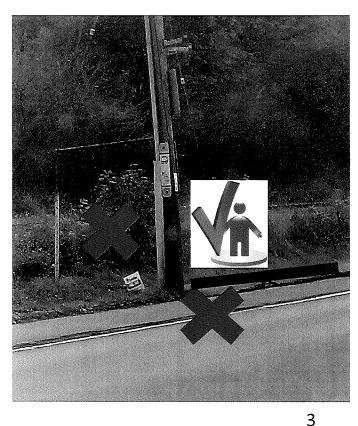
Getting Off the Bus Safely



Be careful not to get scarves or bags caught in the door- hold bags in front of you.

Step down from the bus to the curb.

Where to Wait When There are No Sidewalks



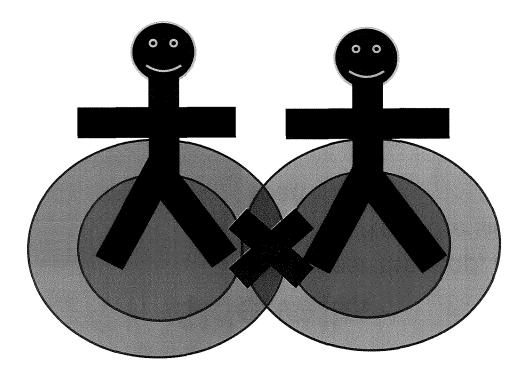
Wait near the stop, at a safe distance from the side of the road

Don't wait on the road, or ever step into the road to see if the bus is coming

Don't stand in the bushesusually, there will be a safe place for you to stand near the stop

Respecting other People

Respecting Personal Space



Getting Off the Bus Safely



Go to the centre door to get off.

When the bus stops, carefully exit the bus.

Do not touch vehicle doors as they are opening or closing, and NEVER lean against them.

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Different Ways to Tell the Bus Driver you Want to Get Off

Pull the bell cord.

Push the button on the handrail.

Politely tell the driver if you don't think he heard the bell.

You can ask the driver to tell you when your stop is coming up, if you think you might have trouble seeing it, or hearing it called out.

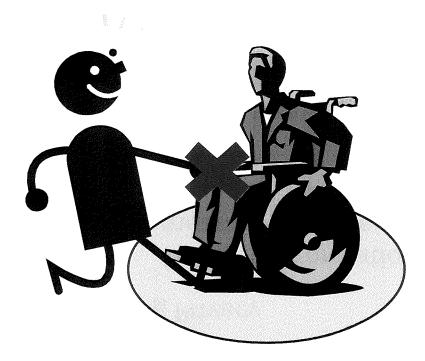




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Respecting other People

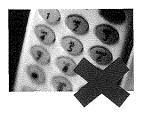
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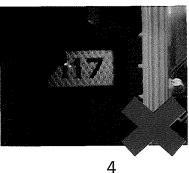


Respecting Yourself

Respecting Privacy







Personal information means things like:

- How much money you have
- Your home address or phone number
- Any other private things about you or about other people, like your health information

Different Ways to Know Your Stop is Coming





Voice announcing stops.

LED display behind driver.

Watch out of the window.

Politely ask someone if you aren't sure what stop is next.

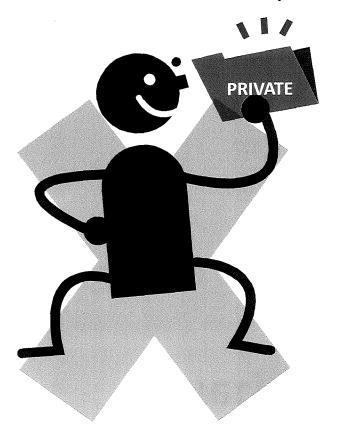
Getting off at the Right Stop



Pay attention! Try not to fall asleep or get distracted: you don't want to miss your stop.

Respecting Yourself

Respecting Privacy



Don't tell people you don't know any of your personal information, or the personal information of your friends and family, unless you have a good reason to.

Safety with Strangers



Never go anywhere with a stranger, even if they look nice! Always be suspicious if someone you don't know wants you to go somewhere with them. Never go close if someone is calling you over to his or her car.

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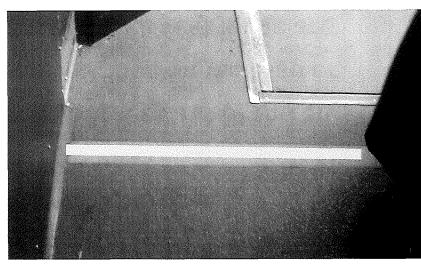
If you feel frightened by someone, look around to see who might be able to help you.

Getting Off the Bus Safely



Sitting or Standing Politely

Don't do anything to interfere with the bus driver's job.





Never stand in front of the yellow line behind the bus driver, even if you need to talk to him.

People who can Help You Stay Safe

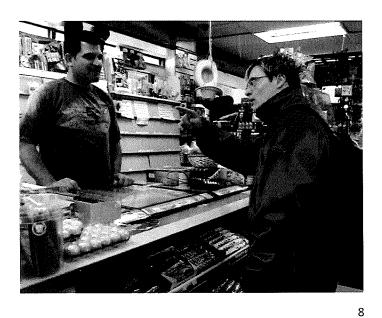


Here are some people you could ask for help: a bus driver,

a police officer,

or a person working in a nearby store or other business.

Asking for Help



Please help me.

I'm very scared because

I get support from

Can I please call my worker or my parents?

Here is the phone number...

Can I please wait here until they can take me home?

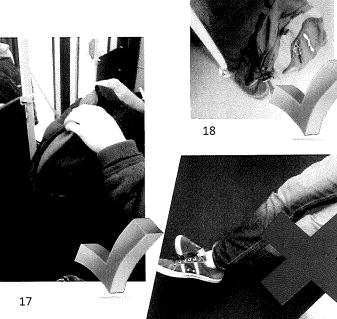
Sitting or Standing Politely

Take only one seat.

Keep your feet out of the aisle, keep your bag on your lap or between your feet if you are standing.

Don't swear or use bad words.

Don't bother other people.



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After you've Paid your Fare



Use the handrails to get to a seat.

Sit as close as possible to the bus driver.

If there are no seats and you need to stand, hold on to the hand rail.

Remember that you are not allowed to eat or drink on the bus.

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If You are in Real Danger



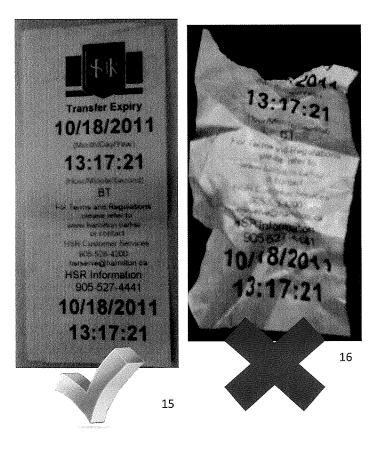
If you are in real danger, you should

> YELL For help!

Getting on the Bus Safely



Using a Transfer



When you need to take more that one bus to get somewhere, ask the driver on the first bus for a transfer **when you get on the bus**, then give that transfer to the driver of the second bus. That way you don't have to pay twice! Be careful with your transfer and keep it in good condition.

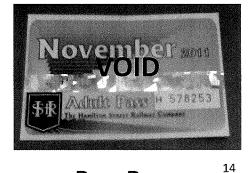
Different Kinds of Fare



Ticket



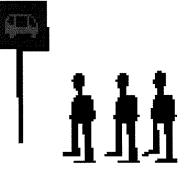
Exact Change: \$2.55



Bus Pass

When the Bus Arrives





Step up close to the bus stop sign.

You will need to leave the bus shelter if you were waiting in one, so the bus driver can see you.

Line up politely if there are other people getting on the bus at your stop.

When the Bus Arrives



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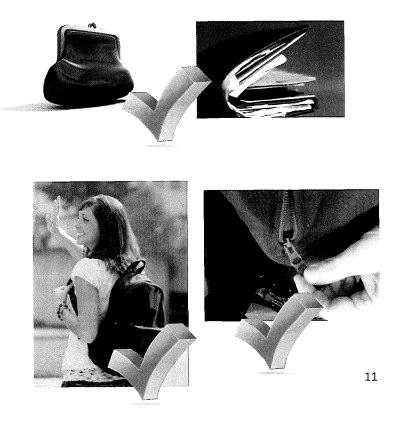
Have your fare ready to pay.

Bus fare is what you use to pay for your bus ride.

It is worth money, so you need to take good care of it.

Do not touch bus doors as they are opening or closing, and NEVER lean against them.

Keeping your Fare Safe



Keep your fare in a wallet or case of some kind, to keep it from getting lost or damaged.

Then keep the wallet in your pocket, bag or purse. If you are keeping it in your pocket, it should be in a pocket that has a zipper or button you can close.