



Shaping the Conversation for Safer Communities

Crime Prevention Week - November 1st to 7th, 2015
Crime Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility

See Something - Say Something

Street Harassment ~ It's Not a Compliment

Street harassment is defined as "unwelcomed words and actions by unknown persons in public places which are motivated by gender and invade a person's physical and emotional space in a disrespectful, creepy, startling, scary, or insulting way."¹

In a 2013 survey conducted with transit users in Ottawa, 97% of respondents had experienced harassment on the street in the past year, 44% had experienced harassment on public transit, 29% had experienced it at a shopping mall and 12% had experienced it at school.

How did street harassment make survey respondents feel? 72% of respondents stated that it made them angry, with 68% noting it made them feel irritated.

When asked what behaviour was experienced, 62% of respondents had experienced leering, 58% had experienced being honked at, 58% had sexist comments/or comments about one's body conveyed to them, 21% had been stalked or followed, 9% had been grabbed or touched in a sexual way, 4% had witnessed public masturbation or being flashed.

~ Hollaback! Ottawa, 2013

In British Columbia, Transit Police is committed to taking every reported incident of unwanted behaviour that makes someone feel uncomfortable, embarrassed or frightened, very seriously. To that end, Transit Police has led the way in providing customers with a discreet and convenient way to report non-emergency issues, track crime hot spots and receive the latest updates.

You are our eyes and ears on Transit and Transit Police are encouraging people to be ACTIVE BYSTANDERS!

HEY YOU! BE AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER.

#ItsNotACompliment

Direct Intervention: Ask the person, do you need help?

Delegates: call for help.

Distract: give the person an out i.e. act like you know them.

Delay: check in with the person afterwards to see if they need help.

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Report

HARASSMENT ON TRANSIT BY TEXT

87-77-77

#SeeSay

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When you see something and say something, it makes a difference and helps Transit Police to keep our transit system and the communities we serve even safer.

1. *Stop Street Harassment* - www.stopstreetharassment.org/



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Pedestrian safety awareness – Transit Police, getting you there safely!

Most transit rides begin and end with a walk. Intersections at or near busy transit hubs and bus loops attract a large volume of people, some who may be distracted or in a rush. To reduce preventable pedestrian related accidents in these areas, Transit Police have partnered with ICBC, TransLink and municipal policing agencies to raise awareness on tips for pedestrians to be safe.

- Wear bright, light coloured clothing – there is an increase in crashes involving pedestrians in the fall and winter.
- Make eye-contact with vehicle drivers where possible.
- Don't get distracted by media devices. This distraction as a pedestrian takes away from your awareness of what is happening around you.
- Avoid jaywalking. Do not run to catch your bus across the street in front of the bus. Use the Crosswalk.
- Do not run for the bus if the doors are closed and as it is pulling away from the curb. Do not run for the trains on the platforms. There is always the risk of slipping and falling around a moving vehicle.
- Wear reflective clothing or items at night to increase your visibility to drivers. Pedestrians can be better seen by using personal safety reflectors.

There are 3 Easy Ways to contact Transit Police

- Report and track crime, discreetly, from your mobile device:

– Using the OnDuty app for iPhone or Android

- Text 87-77-77
- Call 604-515-8300



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