



Holiday Transit Safety

Tips for Staying Safe on Public Transportation



The holiday season can be a wonderful time of celebration. BCCPA and Metro Vancouver Transit Police encourage you to celebrate safely and responsibly.

Plan Ahead

- Make a note of the time of your last bus, train or SeaBus and leave enough time to get there.
- Carry extra cash or a credit card for a taxi in case of an emergency.
- Ensure your cell phone is charged in case you need to make a call.

If you are drinking

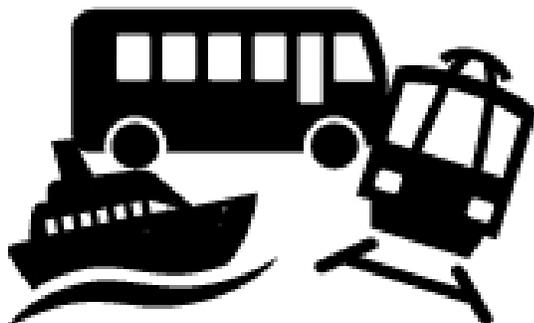
When under the influence of alcohol, it becomes more difficult to be aware of your surroundings. If you choose to indulge, consider the following:

- Travel with a friend or someone you trust.
- Be mindful of fast moving trains approaching the stations—stay behind the yellow line.
- If in doubt, consider taking a taxi home to avoid missing transfers and the potential of being left stranded.

Remember that being intoxicated in public is against the law. This includes public transportation. Please enjoy the holidays responsibly, keeping in mind your personal safety and the safety of others.

Travelling Safely

- Tell someone when and where you are travelling.
- Walk to and from the bus stop or transit station along a well-lit path. Don't be tempted to short-cut through a dark or isolated area.
- Avoid poorly lit areas—stay in sight of CCTV cameras or other people.
- Be aware of your surroundings and present yourself confidently on your journey.
- Falling asleep on transit makes you vulnerable to crime—move around if you feel tired.
- Avoid being engrossed in your personal electronic device—remove one ear bud to stay in tune with what's going on around you.
- Request A Stop: If you feel safer getting off the bus at a point between two regular bus stops, some transit authorities offer "Request A Stop" between certain hours in the evenings. The bus driver will let you off if he or she believes it's safe to do so.
- If you drive to a transit exchange, park your vehicle in a well-lit area. When returning to your vehicle, have your keys ready. Conduct a safety check by walking around your vehicle.



Protect your belongings

- Have your transit pass or ticket ready so that your wallet is out of sight.
- Keep purses secure and carry wallets in an inside pocket.
- Keep all electronic devices close to you and out of sight.
- Do not leave personal items or bags unattended.