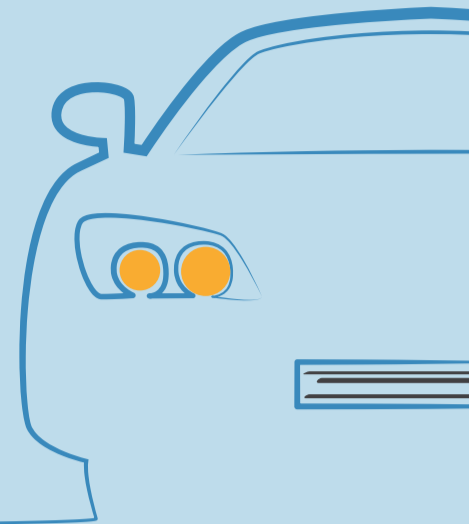


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Public Transportation

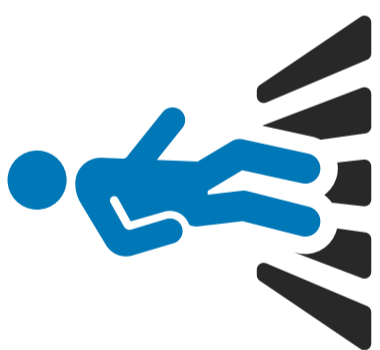
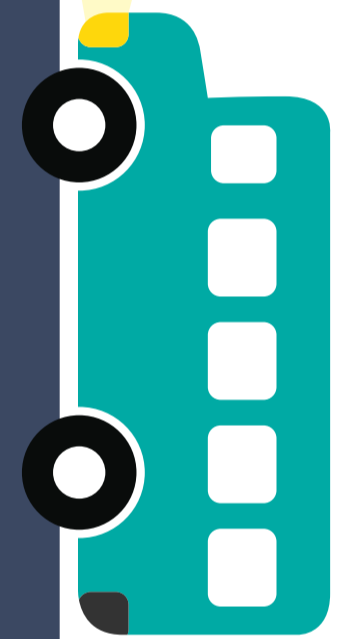
Crime

Avoidance Strategies



- ▶ Adopt a vigilant, defensive mindset and always be aware of your surroundings.
- ▶ There is safety in numbers, so travel in pairs or groups when possible. If you must ride alone, travel during busy times of the day while numerous other riders are present.
- ▶ Keep cash, mobile phones, laptop, jewelry, and other valuables out of sight.
- ▶ Never loan your mobile phone to strangers.

- ▶ Do not limit your hearing by the use of headphones or ear buds.
- ▶ If you must talk on the phone, remain aware of what is occurring around you.
- ▶ Avoid texting and emailing with your phone as it focuses your attention on your phone's screen and away from your surroundings.
- ▶ Activate your phone's GPS tracking feature to assist in locating it if stolen.
- ▶ Keep your phone locked while not in use to protect your data should your phone be stolen.



TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND SIGNS

- ▶ While waiting for a conveyance at a stop, keep your purse, backpack, and other belongings close to your body.
- ▶ "Snatch and grab" thefts are carried out most frequently when thieves can easily escape with stolen belongings. So be particularly mindful of your surroundings and protective of your property while waiting at platforms/stops and when the conveyance is at or near a stop.
- ▶ Politely decline to buy items being offered for sale or to participate in gambling or confidence games.
- ▶ If someone attempts to steal your property, do not fight with them for it or chase them. Doing so may result in bodily harm to you.
- ▶ If you are the victim of a crime, try to become a good witness. What were the culprit's gender, race, approximate height, approximate weight, hair style, clothing, facial features, and any other distinguishing characteristics.
- ▶ While seated on a public train or bus, keep your purse, backpack, or other belongings on the side of your body opposite the aisle.



### Safety Tips

An initiative to share a safety and security tip to encourage caution amongst society... **it's worth following and sharing with near and dear ones!** We encourage everyone to be a part of this initiative through their inputs and thoughts.