## Personal Safety Tips – Subways and Trains

By taking a few simple precautions, you can reduce the risk to yourself and also discourage those who commit crimes.

## **Using Subways & Trains Safely**

- Know where you are going before you enter. Use MTA, LIRR, and NJ Transit apps depending on train, for current schedules.
- Try to use entrances marked by a green indicator, where there is a clerk present 24 hours a day.
- Have your Metro-card ready so you can swiftly get through the turnstile.
- Stand back from the platform, preferably close to the wall to avoid being pushed onto the tracks.
- Don't lean over the platform edge or go onto the tracks for any reason. If you drop something tell an MTA official.
- Always sit in the center of a car away from the door when possible to prevent purse snatch or other grab & run crimes.
- Sit in the "Conductor car" usually in the middle of the train during off-peak hours. You are less likely to get harassed or be victimized in this car. Avoid end cars when possible especially during late night hours.
- Cover jewelry and turn gem stone rings inward towards the palm side of your hand.
- Wear purses and backpacks to the front of you to prevent grab & run crimes.
- Stay awake and alert and try to exit with others.
- Watch the gap when boarding and exiting the train, please watch for the gap between station and platform as they can be large at times.
- Carry a cell phone, whistle, or personal alarm to summon emergency assistance.
- Don't acknowledge or respond to verbal harassment.
- Always carry some form of personal identification (including medical ID bracelets, if applicable) that includes a point of contact in case of emergency
- Avoid eye contact with persons exhibiting erratic behavior.

The key to personal safety is to remove "Opportunity". If there is no opportunity the crime cannot occur.



Should you have any questions about this document or wish to report a crime or unsafe condition, please reach out to Campus Public Safety at 646-758-7777.

Our officers will be glad to assist you!