



Let's count on each other for a safe ride

Dear Westmoreland Transit Passengers:

The Transit Watch campaign is a nationwide safety and security awareness program designed to encourage the active participation of transit passengers and employees in working together to maintain a safe transit environment. Westmoreland Transit is pleased to be a part of this campaign, and as passengers, you provide hundreds of extra eyes and ears to help us identify possible threatening situations. Working together, transit employees and passengers can provide defense against potential natural or man-made disasters. We encourage you to make a commitment to becoming an alert, informed, prepared and involved member of this employee-passenger partnership.

Be involved. Be informed. Be alert. Be prepared. These 4 "B's" are your ticket to a safe, secure ride.

Be informed and have a transit plan of action:

- Familiarize yourself with transit center entrances
- Report suspicious packages or activities
- Remain calm and listen for bus announcements
- Do not block bus doors from closing
- Assist fellow passengers

Be on the alert for suspicious:

Packages

If you spot an unattended package, look for:

- Placement in an out-of the way location
- Individuals in the act of abandoning the package and hastily departing the area
- Unusual attached batteries, wires, tanks, bottles, or bags that may contain chemicals
- An attached message
- A suspicious cloud, mist, gas, vapor, odor, or seeping fluid
- Nearby individuals showing signs of illness or distress

Behavior

If you spot any suspicious individuals engaged in questionable activity, look for"

- Visible signs of nervousness
- Excessive sweating
- Sprayer bottles or aerosol canisters
- Inappropriate clothing that is excessively baggy or too heavy in warm weather

Recommended course of action:

Do not confront suspicious individuals.

Contact a transit employee or the police immediately.

In the event of a suspicious package, do not use a cellular phone until you are a safe distance away.

Preparedness Tips:

- **Create an advanced plan for maintaining contact with family members if separated as a result of an emergency**
- **Create an advanced plan for maintaining contact with close friends and colleagues during an extended emergency period**
- **Keep a record of all contact and emergency information and update it regularly as needed**
- **Select a location outside your home as a family meeting point should your home need to be evacuated**
- **Identify alternate routes and means of reaching your meeting point in the event your main route is impassable**
- **Keep a local map handy for reference**
- **Make sure your emergency information and contact numbers are with you at all times**

Remember, working together we can help to maintain a safe transit environment for everyone!