



# TRANSIT POLICE

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority



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## BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS!

**Safety Starts With You – Stay Alert, Stay Safe!**

If you use this,



You may lose this!

Photo shown is a reenactment by the  
Transit Police Intelligence Unit

When it comes to preventing crime, *thinking* is the best line of self-defense. The MBTA Transit Police has created a safety checklist that, when followed, could help prevent you from becoming a victim. Practicing common sense can reduce the risk to you and discourage those who commit crime. Review the Personal Safety Checklist below.

- Stay alert to your surroundings! (iPods, cell phones and portable radios will distract you and could make you a potential target.)
- Refrain from listening to music or wearing headphones when exiting stations.
- When possible, travel with another person. There is safety in numbers.
- Don't hide your head in newspapers, books or magazines. Look up from time to time.
- Know where you are going. Walk quickly and confidently to your destination. If you must travel at night, walk and park in well-lit areas.
- Safety features vary according to the style of train. Take time to familiarize yourself with the safety features available on the train you are using.
- Keep tight control of purses, briefcases and packages at all times.
- Consider moving your wallet to your front pocket to help avoid pickpockets.
- Do not travel with expensive jewelry exposed beyond outer garments.

This is a message from the MBTA Transit Police Department. We want you to be safe in all your travels on the transit system. If you see something suspicious report it immediately to the Transit Police. No matter how minor the activity may be, report it.

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