



Using Mass Transit Systems: Buses

This information sheet is a companion guide to the general information provided about mass transit and provides more specific information about using buses.

- If you are riding the bus in the dark, be sure to wear light or bright colored clothing and/or signal the driver with a lighted device so he sees there is someone to pick up at the stop.
- The number of the bus and the destination of the bus are often listed above the windshield. Some numbered buses, for example, have two different ending destinations. Be sure you know which bus you need. You can also check with the driver before getting on to be sure you are on the right bus.
- Get on the bus in the order of who was waiting at the bus stop the longest. Be sure to use the door nearest the driver, and not the rear door.
- Have your ticket or payment ready when you get on the bus. Most buses will only accept EXACT CHANGE, so if you are paying in cash, be sure you know how much is needed before getting on the bus.
- If you are going to transfer from one bus to another bus, tell the driver when you get on. If you do not have a bus pass, you may need to pay a transfer fee and get a special ticket to use for the second bus. This is cheaper than paying full-price for the second bus.
- Know the order of stops, and about how long it should take to get to your destination, so that you are ready to get off at your stop when the bus gets there. You can also ask the driver what time you will reach your stop.
- Pull the cord or push the stop button about a block before the stop you need to get off the bus. Otherwise, if there is no one waiting to get on the bus, the driver may continue driving past your stop.
- Buses tend to be busy at times. If you are unable to get a seat, use the hand grips and poles to keep your balance and avoid falling onto people.
- Most bus companies have websites that you can use to plan your trip so you can estimate the cost, length of trip and any transfers.
- Buses are also a great way to travel longer distances between cities as well. Visit www.greyhound.com or www.peterpanbus.com for more information about planning a long distance bus trip.

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