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### General Tips

- Become familiar with the emergency procedures for your local transit system.
- Learn and practice alternative routes to where you may need to go; keep a local map with you in case you need to walk or to find alternate transportation.
- Take special note of the emergency exits at the stations you use.
- Carry a flashlight, dust mask and protective gloves with you.
- Report suspicious activities to your local law enforcement. If you see bags or packages left unattended in or around transit locations, inform authorities.

### On a Subway or Commuter Train

- Stand behind the yellow protective strip, away from the platform edge while waiting for a train.
- Never board a subway between cars. It is highly dangerous.
- Do not pull the emergency brake cord. Use it only when the motion of the train presents an imminent danger to life and limb—for example, if someone gets caught between closing subway car doors and is being dragged. Once the cord has been pulled, the brakes must be reset before the train can move again, which reduces the options for dealing with the emergency.
- Notify a crew member if a passenger becomes sick. Do not pull the emergency cord because the train will stop, preventing medical professionals from reaching the sick passenger.
- Stay calm during an emergency and do not attempt to leave the train unless directed to by train crew or emergency workers. Tracks may still be electrified and other trains may still be in motion.
- Walk calmly to another car that is unaffected by the emergency.
- If the train stops, follow the operator's instructions quickly and calmly.
- In an extreme emergency when you must evacuate the train without the operator's assistance, follow the posted emergency procedures.

### On a Station Platform

- Familiarize yourself with all the exits at the stations that you use in case you ever have to take a different exit.
- Avoid standing at the end of subway platforms or on an empty platform. Instead, wait in the Off-Hours Waiting Area, especially at night.
- Listen for station announcements and follow instructions quickly and calmly.

### On a Bus

- Do not run for the bus—that's when most accidents happen. Slips, trips and falls are the most common causes of injuries.
- Stay behind the white line if you're at the front of the bus. Avoid standing in the stairwell (rear door step) or leaning against the rear door. If you are a wheelchair user, allow the bus operator to secure your chair.
- Avoid crossing in front of the bus after you disembark.
- Follow the bus operator's instructions in an emergency.

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