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BE AWARE. LOOK AROUND.



**IF SOMETHING
DOESN'T
LOOK RIGHT
LET US KNOW**

**TELL A TRANSIT EMPLOYEE,
SECURITY OFFICER
OR CALL 305-375-2700.**

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Let's count on each other for a safe ride.

If you see something suspicious, say something

Although Homeland Security lowered the threat to transit systems from a high to elevated level, Miami-Dade Transit still needs your help. If you see a suspicious package or strange activity on or near a bus, a Metrorail or Metromover train, a bus stop, a rail station, or any transit property, please notify the bus operator, a station security officer, or any transit official as quickly as possible.

BE OUR EYES AND EARS

No public service agency can effectively protect life and property without the support of the public. The Miami-Dade Transit system has achieved a significant reduction in crime, as criminal behavior is targeted - not individuals.

BECOME A TRANSIT WATCHER

People just like you act as the eyes and ears of our system and always check their immediate surroundings for activity which may require police intervention.

Be alert and aware of everyday activities on your transit system. Get your family, friends, and neighbors involved. Get to know law-enforcement and transit-security officers.

If you observe suspicious activity

Try not to let personal feelings get in the way when you see suspicious activity. Look at the entire situation before making a judgment. Watch for non-verbal signs. Do not become personally involved.

Keep these points in mind:

- **Do not** take direct action.
- **Do not** confront the individual.
- **Do not** reveal your suspicions.
- **Do** record as many details as possible.
- **Do** notify the appropriate authorities as soon as possible.

Describing suspicious behavior

When describing suspicious activity, remember to be accurate and specific.

- **Who** did you observe?
- **What** did you see?
- **Where** did you see it?
- **When** did you see it?
- **Why** is it suspicious?

Describing a suspicious person

Report the following when describing a suspicious person:

- **Sex/Race/Age** - approximately
- **Height** - in 2-inch blocks, such as 5 feet 4 inches, 5 feet 6 inches
- **Weight** - in 10 lb. blocks, such as 170 lbs., 180 lbs.
- **Build** - medium, heavy set, thin, etc.
- **Hair** - color, length, and facial hair, if any
- **Complexion** - light, dark, ruddy, olive
- **Peculiarities** - scars, tattoos, missing limbs
- **Clothing** - from head to toe, style, defects
- **Weapons** - type, size
- **Method of escape** - direction, type of vehicle, etc.

If a vehicle is involved

An accurate description of a vehicle can determine how soon a suspicious individual is found and apprehended.

The following information would be helpful:

- **License plate** - most important
- **Make** - model, color, year
- **Body type** - 2-door, 4-door, van, SUV, etc.
- **Passengers** - number of people in vehicle
- **Damage** - anything unusual, logos, etc.

You can help fight terrorism

Immediately call **Transit Watch, 305-375-2700**, to report any suspicious activity. All reports are kept confidential. Call **911** for fire and all other emergencies.

Transit telephone numbers

Customer Services305-770-3131
Toll-free South of SW 216th Street305-891-3131
TTY Users (deaf and hard-of-hearing)305-654-6530
MDT Website..... www.miamidade.gov/transit

