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# HELP STOP GRAFFITI & VANDALISM

Every year, U.S. transit systems spend millions of dollars cleaning graffiti and repairing vandalized property. Be part of the solution. Report vandals at:

**305-375-2700**

# IF SOMETHING DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT, LET US KNOW

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

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Crimestoppers offers up to \$1,000 in reward for information leading to the arrest of vandals. Call 305-471-TIPS (8477), or toll-free at 1-866-471-8477.

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

## If you see something suspicious, say something

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Although Homeland Security have 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

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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

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

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

## Describing a suspicious person

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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

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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** - numbers, letters, state
- **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

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Immediately call **Transit Watch, 305-375-2700**, to report any suspicious activity. All reports are kept confidential. Call **9-1-1** for fire and other life-threatening emergencies.

## Transit telephone numbers

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Transit Watch .....305-375-2700  
Information ..... 3-1-1 or 305-468-5900  
TDD Service ..... 305-468-5402  
MDT Website..... [www.miamidade.gov/transit](http://www.miamidade.gov/transit)

