

Guide for Families

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Putting on the Brakes! What to Do When Transportation Shuts Down

Public transportation makes our lives easier. Most of the time we don't have to fight traffic, find a parking place, or figure out an alternate route. However, public transportation sometimes shuts down due to severe weather, track maintenance, accidents, and other unexpected events. Make sure your child knows how to use different modes of transportation safely in case of an unexpected disruption.

Safety Tips for Riding a Bus

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes early.
- When you are waiting for the bus, stand at least six feet away from the curb.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road six feet ahead of the bus. Be sure that you can see the bus driver and he or she can see you.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.
- Always walk in groups.
- Act responsibly and follow the driver's instructions.



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Safety Tips for Riding a Subway

- Stand back away from the platform.
- Never jump onto the tracks for ANY reason.
- If the subway is stuck in between stations, stay on the subway car and follow instructions.
- Do not attempt to get on the subway once it has started moving.
- If there are no seats, find a pole to hold onto.

Let's get ready and stay safe even if public transit is a no-go!

Quick activities to try at home:

- How many modes of transportation have you used? Make a list; then plan a family field trip to try out some new ones!
- Songs are filled with different modes of transportation. Brainstorm with your child to see how many transportation-related songs you can think of. Try "The Wheels on the Bus" and "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain" for starters.

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