Kid's Safety Tips for Riding the Buses and Trains



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Whether it's traveling to work, play or school in San Francisco, Muni gets you there.

Your Muni system gets you everywhere you need to go in San Francisco.

Muni service provides an inexpensive, green alternative for your child's daily commute to school. Using the convenient, reloadable Clipper card, youths ages 5 to17 receive a discount fare of \$1 for one-way travel on Muni. By using the Clipper card's Autoload function, you can be assured your child always has the proper fare at his or her fingertips. Muni Operators will gladly assist students in finding the nearest pickup and drop-off locations to their schools.

To find out more about how to acquire a youth Clipper card please go to <u>www.clippercard.com</u>. For assistance in other languages call 311.

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- Make sure you're standing well back from the curb, boarding island or platform when waiting for the bus or train.
- When boarding in the Muni Metro subway, stand behind the yellow bumpy tiles at the edge of the platform. The bumpy tiles mean "caution—you're too close to the edge."
- Watch your step when entering or exiting Muni vehicles, especially in bad weather. Rain can make floors slippery.
- No running, shoving or roughhousing on a Muni boarding island or platform. You or someone else could get hurt.
- When entering or exiting a bus or train, make sure that you hold onto the handrail so that your backpack or book bag doesn't get caught in the door.
- If sitting, remove your backpacks and hold them in front of you. Keep valuable items out of sight and in your backpack.
- If standing, always stand behind the yellow lines just inside the doors. Make sure that you hold on tightly to the seat-mounted handrails or overhead straps. Muni buses and trains move quickly and can stop suddenly.
- Music, video games or computers are fine on Muni vehicles as long you wear headphones or ear buds.
- When exiting the vehicle, never walk behind the bus or train. And always check for cars and other traffic before stepping off the platform or curb. Make sure, whenever possible, that you cross in the crosswalk or at the street corner.
- If you have to cross in front of the bus and there is no intersection, walk on the sidewalk next to the bus, taking *ten giant steps forward* before crossing. Make sure that the driver sees you before you step into the street. Don't forget to look both ways!
- If you drop something in front of a bus, don't bend down to get it—the driver may not see you. Get the driver's attention first, then reach down to pick up the item you dropped.

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