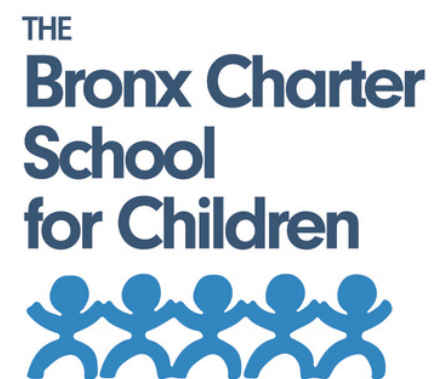


# LET'S TALK ABOUT SAFETY

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# Subway

- ◆ Plan your trip before leaving. Visit the MTA Website or App to learn about delays and routes.
- ◆ Board the Conductor's Car (Zebra Board Indicator)
- ◆ Stay several steps from yellow line
- ◆ Put back against wall or steel column so no one can push you from behind
- ◆ Speak to MTA Employees or use intercom if you need assistance. Call 911 in an emergency.

# Bus

- ◆ During late night hours, request a stop by asking the driver to let you off anywhere along the route
- ◆ Use well-lit and busy stops when possible
- ◆ Consider waiting in a retail location and using the MTA app to track your bus

# Smartphones

Police departments nationwide are reporting an increase in snatching of electronic devices from individuals who carry their smart phone in their hands NOT paying attention to their surroundings, listening to music, or even texting while walking

## Tip 1

Keep your smart phone on your person/coat or jacket, don't display when not in use especially while using mass transit. Use a hands-free device and pay attention to your surroundings.

## Tip 2

If you suspect you're being followed, stay away from deserted blocks and head for an area where people are or the nearest open store.

## Tip 3

Passwords protect your device. Download APPs to your device that can help the police locate your device in the event of theft.

# If Someone Tries to Rob You...

## **Give Up Your Property**

Do not risk your life to protect property. You can always replace property.

## **Call 911**

Report your location and a description of the perpetrator. This information can help prevent others from becoming victims.

# When entering any location

Information from News and Observer

<https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article256194747.html>

## **SCAN YOUR SURROUNDINGS**

Scan your surroundings at least every 30 seconds to stay aware of what's happening around you. Look from side to side, and over both of your shoulders

## **IDENTIFY EXITS**

Whether there's an active shooter or another safety risk, such as a fire, it's best practice to be always aware of the exits around you, so that you can get out quickly if needed

## **MENTALLY SCRIMMAGE TO PREPARE**

Always think through possible scenarios, such as an active shooter, and how you would respond, on regular, routine outings

# Gunshots

## **RUN**

Trust your instincts. Evacuate area or move away from the assailant or the sound of gunshots. Look for an exit if possible. Be aware of large crowds and trampling.

## **HIDE**

Hide from the assailant and barricade yourself where you cannot be seen or penetrated by bullets.

## **FIGHT**

If you are in close proximity to the assailant, or if they pull a gun on you, you can fight them. Throwing things at them can often cause confusion and be a distraction.

# If you are unable to run....

## **DROP**

Drop to the ground on your knees.

## **COVER**

Try to hide behind a solid item to protect yourself. Lean forward over your legs and hold your head down.

## **HOLD**

Hold your position until police come or you are safely able to evacuate.