Play It Safe on the CTA

- Stay alert and observe your surroundings. If you see something suspicious, alert a CTA employee.
- Move away from noisy passengers arguing/causing commotion.
- Always hold or place items on lap.
- If standing, place backpack/purse in front of you.
- Do not display expensive jewelry, electronics, etc.
- When standing, hold onto to bars – do not lean on doors.

For all prohibited activities & safety tips go to: http://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/brochures/CTA_Security_Tips_Brochure_2010.pdf

Bikes & CTA Trains
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- Bicycle parking racks are at most CTA train stations.
- Bikes are welcome on CTA trains Except Weekdays; 7am - 9am and 4pm to 6 pm – These are heavy commute times on CTA.
- Getting on trains: use the swing gate, pay fare and enter.
- Use elevator or stairs to get to platform (bikes are not allowed on escalators).
- Allow others to exit and enter the train.
- Two bikes per train car.
- Go to end of train car.
- Stay with your bike and hold on to it at.
- If a train is too crowded, wait for the next train.

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How to Load: Bike on a CTA Bus – You Tube

- Bicycle rack is located on the front exterior of busses.
- Remove baggage from bike and take with you when boarding.
- Before boarding, allow others to exit and enter the bus first.
- Inform the bus operator you will place your bike on the rack.
- Board the bus and pay fare.
- Stand or sit at the front of the bus and watch your bicycle.
- When you arrive at your stop, exit at the front and inform the bus operator you will unload your bike.
Ride the Bus like a Pro

- Stand near bus stop or in vestibule so bus driver can see you
- Have your fare/UPass ready
- Route number or name will be displayed on top, sides and rear of bus
- If you’re not sure where to go—ask the bus operator
- After boarding bus, find a seat. If no seats are available, stand in aisle as close to the rear as possible.
- Keep aisle and exits clear of personal items
- When ready to exit, pull the stop request cord that runs along top of windows or press stop button available on poles at rear exit
- Use rear door to exit

Track Bus by Text

- Receive estimated arrival times by text message
- Use Google Transit to plan your trip and find the bus ID for Bus Tracker text
- At the bottom of CTA bus stop signs: look for instructions on how to text for estimated bus arrival times
- Text ctabus “stopID” to 41411
  Example: ctabus 1027
  (151 route, Sheridan & Loyola Red Line)

Riding CTA Trains
- Check train’s route/direction before boarding at stations

Getting There

- Google Transit: a tool to give you transit and walking directions
  www.google.com/transit
  Provides directions for CTA (city buses, trains) and Metra
- Goroo: a tool for the suburban transit commute
  www.goroo.com
CTA Bus/Train Tracker: Plan your trip using CTA’s Route & System Guide
System Guide has all routes, where they go and schedules
Bookmark your favorite stops on your smartphone browser

A Quick Guide to Being CTA-Savvy

100% Post Consumer Recycled Paper
Forest Stewardship Council Certified
100% Wind Power Generated