

Not On Our Bus

Pierce Transit Rules of the Road



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To help ensure the safety, security, comfort and convenience of those who use our services, Pierce Transit regulates conduct on its buses and property. In simple terms, you need to show respect for your fellow passengers, transit employees and for the transit vehicles and facilities you use.

Everyone wins. Transit passengers enjoy a safe, secure, comfortable and inviting atmosphere, and the overall efficiency of the transportation system improves.

It only takes one person to ruin the ride. That's why we take our "Rules of the Road" very seriously. Those who violate the Rules of the Road or Unlawful Transit Conduct (UTC) may be asked to leave the vehicle or facility immediately. Violators may be excluded from transit services for a period of 90 days up to one year. In addition, Pierce Transit Police and local law enforcement agencies can cite those in violation of UTC.



How you can help

Report any safety or security problems on the bus to the driver.

If situations prevent you from alerting the driver, and you see a serious crime being committed or a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 to report the problem when it's safe to do so. If the incident is on a bus, be ready to give the route number, direction the bus is traveling, and the bus fleet number. Inside the bus, the fleet number appears in the right front corner, opposite the driver. Outside the bus, it appears on the outer bus corners. It is a three digit number.

We appreciate your help in abiding by these Rules of the Road, and thank you for doing your part to ensure everyone has a safe and comfortable transit experience.



When it comes to safety, we can always use an extra pair of eyes.

Transit Watch is a safety and security program that encourages active participation by transit passengers. The program provides information and instructions so you'll know what to do in the event of an emergency. Transit Watch invites you to help be our "eyes and ears." Pierce Transit maintains and operates a non-emergency crime-reporting system that is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

You may report a crime by phone or email (calls and reports will remain anonymous upon request):

Call the Transit Watch hotline at 253.581.8040. Voicemail messages are responded to promptly!

Email us at pubsafety@piercetransit.org. Emails will be received the next business day, Monday through Saturday.

In an emergency, call 9-1-1.

For safety and security of everyone, Pierce Transit has established its own police force.



Transit Police: 253.983.3371



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Rules of the Road

Pierce Transit's Rules of the Road were developed to protect you and those with whom you ride. Adherence to these rules is mandatory and violators may be excluded from riding.



1. No use of tobacco or alcohol. **2.** No beverages in open containers.



3. No eating. **4.** All animals must be kept in suitable containers

except for service animals.



5. Entertainment devices must be played

through earphones so that

the sound is limited to an individual listener.



6. Speak quietly when using a mobile communications device.

7. Children may not be left in strollers. After finding a

seat on the bus, remove the child from the stroller. You are responsible



for securing your own stroller. **8.** No lawn mowers or other gas-powered equipment.

9. Gasoline and flammable liquids are strictly prohibited at all times. **10.** No explosives

or corrosives. **11.** Distributing flyers, pamphlets, brochures, or other written material is

prohibited unless authorized under a Pierce Transit facilities use permit. **12.** No unlawful

firearms or weapons of any type. **13.** Please keep children seated while on the bus.

14. Customers must wear shirts and shoes when on PT vehicles or in PT facilities.

The Revised Code of Washington (9.91.025) and/or the Tacoma Municipal Code (8.52.020) prohibit the following activities in transit vehicles, at bus shelters, and at transit facilities:

1. Transporting dangerous, flammable, or explosive materials
2. Discarding hazardous substances or automotive fluids
3. Obstructing transit vehicles, services, or passengers
4. Consuming or being under the influence of illicit drugs or alcohol, or possessing open alcoholic beverage containers
5. Unreasonably disturbing or harassing others by being unruly, loud, harmful, raucous, or intimidating.
6. Throwing an object with intent to do harm
7. Destroying, defacing, or damaging property
8. Gambling
9. Smoking
10. Littering
11. Spitting
12. Urinating or defecating, except in a restroom
13. Playing sound-producing equipment without earphones or similar device
14. Skating or riding skateboard-type equipment
15. Possessing or trying to use an unissued transfer or fare media
16. Impersonating a transit employee
17. Engaging in other conduct inconsistent with transit operations and refusing to obey the lawful command(s) of an agent of the transit authority or a peace officer to cease such conduct.

Unlawful Transit Conduct (UTC) is a misdemeanor offense with a maximum fine of \$1,000, incarceration for 90 days, or both fine and imprisonment. Violators may also be excluded from transit services.

Assault on a Transit Employee. Assaulting a transit operator or any transit employee is a Class C Felony (RCW 9A.36.031). It is also a federal offense, and is punishable under the U.S. Patriot Act.