



ACTIVITY THREE: Safety rules, risks and consequences

Rules are made to ensure the safety of staff and passengers. It is important that passengers are aware of the rules for safe travelling on the Transperth system. It is not okay 'not to know'. This activity has been designed to help students understand why the rules are made and how they are enforced to ensure everyone is safe.

Student Outcomes

Health and Physical Education

Strand: Interpersonal Skills

- IS 2 The student uses communication skills and cooperation to share feelings and achieve basic needs when interacting with other people.
- IS 3 The student demonstrates communication and cooperation skills that enhance interpersonal and group relationships.

Purpose

This activity will provide an opportunity for the student to:

- Establish an awareness of the safety rules, risks and consequences
- Give examples of safety rules needed when choosing train and bus travel as a transport option
- Understand why safety rules are needed when using public transport
- Describe safety features located in trains and at train stations
- Describe safety features located in buses and at bus stations.

Preparation

Teachers can show a copy of the Right Track bus or train DVD.

Procedure

1. Students can watch the Right Track DVD and list all the safety rules outlined on the DVD.
2. Discuss the safety rules and add any rules that might not have been covered in the DVD.
3. Write a series of consequences next to each of the safety rules.
4. Discuss why the safety rules have been made and decide whether the rules are appropriate.
5. Discuss whether students think the safety rules have been made clear through signs and advertisements at train and bus stations.
6. Discuss any safety rules of which the students were not aware.

Variation

Research train and bus incidents on the internet to find out just how dangerous not knowing or ignoring the rules can be.



Fact File

Trains can't stop quickly!

Did you know that a three-carriage train in Perth can weigh up to 124 tonnes? They can take up to 800 metres to stop and longer if travelling at the maximum speed of 130 kilometres an hour, or if the track is wet from rain.

Buses can't stop quickly either!

A full bus travelling at 60 kilometres an hour will take between 50 and 60 metres to stop in an emergency.

For more bus and train facts visit: www.righttrack.wa.gov.au

From the Kids

"If you're feeling unsafe on a train look for a Transit Officer, a parent or someone to help you – or what I did – coming back from the city, a drunk guy came up to us and asked us for money and I told him we had no money but he got very aggressive with us and he wanted to fight. So what we did was we got off the train and we waited for the next train and we went home safe with no one else bothering us. We made sure a Transit Officer was there with us too." – Corin (17)

