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Emergency Tips for DC Metro Safely

After the January incident involving smoke in a DC Metro rail car, it is important to ensure you are prepared for an emergency that could occur while riding Metro.



Here is a short list of tips to help you be more prepared if an incident should occur:

1. Make sure you know the location of Metro's call boxes. There are call boxes at the end of each rail car that riders can use to call the train operator if anything is happening of concern.
2. Riders should always listen to the train operator's instructions. The train operator will communicate if it is necessary to evacuate and instructions on how to do it safely.
3. If you do need to evacuate from a car ensure the train is stopped and do the following:
 - a. Find the side of the tunnel with lights.
 - b. Pull the emergency door release.
 - c. Open the door on the side with the tunnel lights.
 - d. There could be a gap at the doorway so pay careful attention while stepping down onto the walkway.
 - e. Wait for instructions from the train operator concerning which way to walk.

While in the tunnels or on an elevated track, it is important to keep in mind the following:

1. If necessary locate the nearest Emergency Trip Station. There are stations located every 800 feet that are marked with a blue light and have a call box. There are also signs that point to the nearest station. Dial "0" to speak to a Metro representative and follow their instructions.
2. Refrain from touching the train or track. The third rail carries high-voltage electricity that can kill you.
3. Make sure you stay clear of the track — trains can approach quickly and without warning.
4. If evacuating from an elevated track: Look for the side with a railing and walkway, pull the emergency door release, and slide the door open and carefully step onto the walkway. If necessary find an emergency call box, located every 800 feet and dial "0" to speak to a Metro representative.
5. To get on ground level: Exit on the side away from the other track by using the emergency door release.

Finally, if you are simply in a Metro station at a time of an emergency here are a couple of reminders to keep you safe:

1. Locate the passenger information displays in the Metro station for information on procedures, protocols, and locations of exits.
2. A station manager will provide emergency instructions over the intercom system.
3. Metro riders can use the same intercom system, which is mounted on the station's large brown pillars, to communicate with the station manager.
4. Metro riders should always be aware of the location of all emergency exits in stations on their travel route. This can help expedite an emergency evacuation.

Information taken from: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/wp/2015/01/13/how-to-safely-evacuate-a-metro-train-from-tunnels-platforms-and-stations/>

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Driver Tips for Vanpooling in Winter Conditions

Here are a couple of tips when driving in winter weather conditions:



- Be prepared to respond to snow. Listen to local weather reports the night before, get up early enough to assess the road conditions and decide if the van will go in or if the group should make alternate plans.
- Leave early enough so you have time to react to road conditions, detours, other drivers, unexpected delays, and to arrive at your destination safely.
- If possible avoid hills. Watch for black ice, especially on bridges and low or shady stretches of the roadway. Adjust your speed appropriately. Remember ice can be tricky. While snow provides some traction, ice gives you almost none.
- Warm up your van first before turning on your heat or defrost. This enables your heat and defrost to work faster.
- Start up slowly. Try not to spin the tires when starting because snow will melt and turn into slippery, icy slush.
- Keep weight in the rear of the van over the rear axle. Seat your riders strategically to make this happen.
- In traffic be a defensive driver, wait for the vehicle ahead to start up and pull away to assess their driving technique before you start. Watch how that vehicle reacts to the road conditions. Count to 3 or 4 before following. If the vehicle ahead is skidding or sliding, allow a much greater following distance to ensure your safety.

- Skidding when stopping means you are going too fast for the current road conditions. If you do skid, steer in the direction the rear of the van is sliding, ease off the gas, and break gently.
- Slow down well before intersections so you don't have to brake in areas where the snow has been packed down to an icy glaze.

Information taken from: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/van-car/pdf/commuter-van-winter-driving-tips.pdf>

Emergency Ride Home (ERH) Inclement Weather Policy

During inclement weather, RideFinders encourages commuters to monitor news outlets for updates on the weather, check road conditions before leaving home and prepare in advance. The Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program is not available during inclement weather - including building closures and/or early dismissal from work.

K&K Connection February Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone born in February a special HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Crystal Bullock	Brian Byers
Brehima Camara	Eric Conner
Michelle Deloatch	Mike Dwyer
Bettina Flournoy	Raven Givens
Josef Golinowski	Eric Hunter
Jessica Holloman	Debra Jefferson
Mark Jones	Patricia Jones
James McLaughlin	Sandi Munari
Tamika Papius	Richard Puerto
Sylvia Richards	Irvin Spurs
Harold Willsey	Brian Young,
Serita Young	

If we missed your birthday please let us know by emailing owilliams@ridek2k.com. Thank you!

Welcome To K&K Connections

We would like to say a BIG welcome to all of our new riders for the month of February. We are so very happy you have decided to join us!