

Safety Equipment on Buses

Fire Extinguisher

Fire extinguishers are located towards the front of the bus by the bus operator. Remove the fire extinguisher from its hold, remove the pin, aim the extinguisher at the base of the flames and apply the trigger. Follow all instructions on the unit for the safest and proper use of the extinguisher.

First Aid Kit

First Aid Kits are also located in the front of the bus. On pusher buses elastic straps above the windshield hold many kits. Special education buses vary with their location but all kits are clearly marked and the bus team can help passengers identify its location.

Body Fluid Clean Up Kit

Body Fluid Clean Up Kits are usually located near the front of the bus by the First Aid Kit (see above).

Two-Way Radio

Two-Way Radios are located by the bus operator's dashboard console or above the driver's seat. Passengers should take note of the bus number and/or route number to communicate the situation to the dispatcher. To operate, hold the unit 2-3 inches from your mouth while holding the button down on the right or left side of the microphone. Speak clearly into it and advise the dispatcher of the problem and follow their instructions.

Emergency Parking Brake

The Emergency Parking Brake should be applied to stop the bus from moving. It should be applied if the bus operator becomes incapacitated or cannot effectively apply the brake without assistance. Bus Operators will instruct passengers on where to locate and how and when to apply the brake.

Emergency Exit Windows

Emergency Exit Windows are located on labeled passenger windows. Instructions are located directly below the windows. If the handle is pulled, an alarm will sound.

Emergency Roof Hatches

Emergency Roof Hatches are located on the ceiling of the bus. Instructions are located on the hatch. If the hatch is opened, an alarm will sound.

Emergency Exit Side Door (Pusher Buses Only)

Emergency Exit Side Door is located on the driver's side of the bus. Proper exiting procedures are detailed during **split-door bus evacuation drills**. Once the door is opened, an alarm will sound. Passengers should **SIT and SCOOT** feet first off the bus. Do NOT attempt to jump out as it may cause more injury.

Emergency Exit Rear Door (Special Education Buses Only)

The Emergency Exit Rear Door is located at the back of the bus. Once the door is opened, an alarm will sound. Passengers should **SIT and SCOOT** feet first off the bus. Do NOT attempt to jump out as it may cause more injury.

Emergency Exit Rear Window (Pusher Buses Only)

The Emergency Exit Rear Window is located at the back of the bus. Once the handle is lifted, passengers may push the window panel out to exit. This area should be kept clear of all backpacks and other items that may obstruct the exit from proper use. Once the window panel is opened, an alarm will sound.

*Note: This document is intended as a brief overview of safety equipment on MCPS buses. It should only be referred to as a quick guide. Passengers should follow all instructions from the bus operator or bus attendant during drills or an emergency situation. Every bus is different so pay particular attention to your vehicle for proper use. All questions should be directed to the Safety/Training Unit at (301) 840-8148.