

**ACTIVITY: Travel by Public transport including Rail**

Public transport is a vital social resource, is designed with public safety in mind and is also empowering young people's independence and social mobility it allows them insights into their ability to travel across their community without adult dependency and develops personal time management and planning skills. It is therefore encouraged!



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Significant Hazards and Associated Risks	Those who might be harmed and how this may occur	Control Measures(CM's): ALL these controls require mutual trust, consent and collaboration between every person on a trip. Appropriate, responsible behaviour is the key to safety.	Notes or Additional CM's required?	Residual Risk Rating (H / M / L)
Awareness of and Changes to Rail operators procedures for passenger safety	All By incident caused though ignorance of issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing in these guidelines or control measures is intended to overrule or contradict any instruction or notice given by the rail operators or their employees.</li> <li>All Leaders must ensure current Rail notices and information is brought to young people's attention and followed!</li> </ul>	None	L
Missing train.	All By delays caused and by emotional distress influencing decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All participants are briefed clearly on train times and expected on platforms 15 minutes early. Trains Do Not Wait!</li> <li>Expedition groups may need to wait for the next train! (It is a consequence of their lateness!)</li> <li>Leaders have access to Mobile Phones and locally have back up vehicles on call.</li> </ul>	None	L
On platform - Getting hit by train door opening as train arrives (Older trains)  Falling from platform onto track or between train and platform  Getting caught in automatic door as it closes	All by traumatic impacts and injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As trains approach and whilst boarding, leaders will ensure that group remains orderly and well back from edge of platform until the train is stationary and the doors are open.</li> <li>Young people to be briefed about waiting well back from platform edge</li> <li>Supervisors will take positions on platforms where they feel is best for effective supervision of the group</li> <li>Leaders will monitor and if needed operate the train doors to either board or leave the train, and the young people will be briefed accordingly (Based on age and maturity)</li> <li>Boarding and leaving any train is carefully supervised by a staff member, bags are also checked to avoid snagging.</li> </ul>	None	L

Being left behind on platform due to pressure of numbers on train	All By Delays, vulnerability and emotional distress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders will check all participants are on board (possibly by holding door open if needed) this is possible on modern trains and prevents departure!</li> <li>Leaders will be available to assist with the lifting of luggage onto/off the train</li> <li>Where possible, Seats will be booked in advance, and wherever possible, in a single block within the same carriage.</li> <li>A leader will always remain with each group if the party becomes separated.</li> </ul>		
Luggage Weight	Manual handling issues			
Falls if train suddenly stops, slows, or has collision.	Any By impact, collision or other force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All group members will be briefed to stay seated, wherever possible, during the journey.*</li> <li>Leaders will sit at appropriate locations amongst group to maintain good order and sensible behaviour.</li> <li>A leader will give permission/be aware when individuals (Small groups) leave the group to go the toilet or buffet.</li> <li>Young people will be given particular instructions not to lean out of windows or to open or touch any exterior doors.</li> <li>If a major emergency occurs that requires the train to stop, a leader will notify the guard or pull the emergency lever/alarm, if considered necessary. Then support young people to follow rail Staff instructions</li> <li>Leaders will check that all luggage is stored securely, and that heavy items are placed, wherever possible, on low racks.</li> <li>Young people will be requested to remain in their seats whilst train is visiting stations.</li> </ul>	<i>*This does not prevent giving up a seat for a vulnerable passenger.</i>	L
Falls from train, out of train doors	Any By trauma risk		<i>NO additional measures</i>	
Leaning out of windows as train passes another train or bridge etc. → Collision	Impact injury			
Hit by luggage falling from rack above				
Other issues or separation etc	Any By distress, isolation, confrontation or vulnerability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young people will remain in pairs, groups or buddy systems at all times, including visits to toilets, buffet etc.</li> </ul>	None	L
<b>REVIEWS:</b>				