










## Parent Checklist

A checklist for parents, guardians and kids to help stay safe while riding public transit. BC Transit has developed this printable checklist for parents/guardians to check off before their kids get on the bus. By going through this list together regularly, families can help establish good habits and become an excellent transit rider. Remember, children 12 and under ride free!







### Parents/Guardians:

#### Before your child gets on the bus:




-  Remind your child/children to be courteous to their drivers and other riders on the bus. Review the courtesy seating area and general bus rules (no smoking/vaping, no eating, no loud music, etc).
-  Encourage your child or children to talk to the bus driver if they need help during their trip.
-  Check your local [bctransit.com](http://bctransit.com) system alerts for any changes in schedules or detours.
-  Make sure your child/children wait in a safe, well-lit location at the bus stop. Remind your child to always stay back at least 1 metre from the curb at all times, and that bus stops are near roads, which can be dangerous if you are not paying attention.
-  Remember what clothing your child wore for the day, bright or reflective clothing is helpful for bus drivers to see the children at the bus stop, especially in the winter.
-  Ensure your child gets to the bus stop at least 5 minutes early for their scheduled bus.
-  Make sure they have their BusReady Emergency Card in their backpack or bag in case of emergencies.
-  Make sure your child knows where to get off the bus.
-  Remind them to pay attention to their surroundings by looking out the window, and go over any landmarks that might tell them how close their stop is.

### Kids



#### Before getting on the bus:

-  Make sure you have everything you need for the day (coats, backpack, umbrella, phone/tablet, permission slips, homework, books, etc).
-  Keep an eye out for traffic near the bus stop. Remember, always cross the street using a crosswalk!
-  Stay 1 metre back from the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop.
-  Board single file, and let others board first if they need more time and space to find a seat.

#### While on the bus:

-  Be kind to the driver and follow all bus rules (no smoking/vaping, no eating, no loud music, etc).
-  No yelling on the bus—even if you are really excited to see your friends!
-  Pay attention to your surroundings by looking out the window. If you don't pay attention, you could miss your stop!

#### Before getting off the bus:

-  Make sure you have all your belongings with you. If you do lose something on the bus, tell your parents/guardians as soon as possible.
-  Thank you for trusting transit for your children's transportation needs!