



Introduction to crime and public transport

The Department for Transport (DfT) aims to reduce crime and fear of crime on public transport by encouraging our partners and operators to work together in developing, disseminating and evaluating good practice in crime reduction initiatives.

British Transport Police (BTP)

The British Transport Police is the national police force for the railways, providing a police service to rail operators, their staff and passengers throughout England, Wales and Scotland.

Bus drivers

The safer travel on buses and coaches panel (STOP) has been formed to look at ways to reduce assaults, anti-social behaviour and vandalism on vehicles, at stops and stations and property. For further information, see [Bus crime](#).

Recognising the safety issues involved for bus drivers whose job it is to drive a bus while taking responsibility for schoolchildren, we commissioned research and developed '[The School Run training programme](#)', designed to help bus drivers manage situations of conflict as well as address schoolchildren's perception of acceptable behaviour on buses.

Personal security across the whole journey

Our section which covers [personal safety of passengers](#) includes guidelines and case studies for operators and good practice advice to improve the personal security of both passengers and staff.

Railway stations

Our [Secure Stations Scheme](#) provides an incentive for station operators to improve security and reduce the public's fear of crime at overground and underground rail stations. Launched in 1998 the scheme accredits individual stations which work with the British Transport Police (BTP) and partners in order to meet set standards in implementing security measures.

For related documents, pages and internet links, see the column on the right.