



# Fighting Back Institute

*Making A Difference...One Life at a Time*



## Public Transportation Safety

In many larger cities, the use of public transportation is a daily event to get from Point A to Point B. Congested streets and crowded parking lots make public transportation a necessity for many urban dwellers.

When traveling on public transportation, we come into contact with people from all walks of life. Occasionally, criminal elements will target individuals, often women (especially those traveling alone), who use public transportation as crimes of opportunity.

## Defensive Countermeasures

- Have your ticket or change ready so you don't have to get your wallet out at a busy place.
- Always wait in a well-lit area for your bus or train and wait near other people. If possible, meet a friend there to wait with you.
- If you are on a bus or train alone, or if it is dark - stay as close to the driver as possible. Do not go to the back of the bus or train or to an upper level.
- Stay awake while riding buses, trains, rideshares (such as Uber or Lyft) and taxis.
- Always take an aisle seat so you won't be blocked in.
- Pay attention to who gets off at your stop.
- Keep your belongings on you. Purses over your shoulder, larger bags between your legs as you sit, etc.