

# THE ANXIOUS BUS RIDER'S RIPTA RIDING CHECKLIST

For this you will need (at minimum) a cellphone with wifi or a data plan, a card you can use for online purchases, and a place to go. No card? Cash will work just fine. Don't panic!

1. Map your trip using your preferred mapping application (we recommend Google maps).
2. Have your fare ready, either the RIPTA Flash Pass App, or cash in hand.
3. Arrive about 5 minutes early. No chance of watching the bus go by just as you're turning the corner.
4. Wait for the bus to come to a complete halt. Feel free to wave at the bus driver if you think the bus is about to blow right past you.
5. Wait for anyone getting off the bus to do so before you get on. It minimizes any awkwardness that arises when you rush on.
6. Pay your fare, either by putting your money in the designated slots or by showing the bus driver your activated bus ticket on your phone.

(HOT TIP: College students can use their student IDs to ride the bus for free!)

7. Sit or stand safely, be sure to hold onto the railings and fixtures to avoid falling over.

(HOT TIP: You don't have to talk to anyone you don't want to, but if you really want to avoid it, try not to make eye contact. But it's also okay to smile at other riders - you might just brighten their day!)

8. Pay attention to your map + the surroundings to keep track of where the bus is on its route.
9. When the bus leaves or passes the stop before the one where you plan to exit, pull the signal line to let the bus driver know you want to get off at the next stop.
10. Stand and/or carefully move towards the doors.

(HOT TIP: if the bus driver doesn't seem to be slowing down as you approach the stop, don't be afraid to speak up. We all make mistakes some times, but the bus driver is doing their best, just like the rest of us.)

11. Wait for the bus to come to a complete halt. Remember to brace yourself for the deceleration!

12. Thank your bus driver!

(HOT TIP: the phrase "Have a good one!" works at any time of day or night, so you don't have to worry about wishing someone a "Good day" when it's dark out.)

13. Step off the bus.

14. Check your map and proceed to your final destination. You did it!