Many Metrobuses have the onboard cameras, and all buses will be equipped with cameras in the future.

**Railroad grade crossing safety**

Metrobus serves an area which has 23 railroad grade crossings. In a typical week, Metrobuses drive over grade crossings more than 5,200 times.

In accordance with federal safety regulations, Metrobus operators stop at all railroad grade crossings.

To ensure your safety, Metrobus operators have been thoroughly trained in railroad rights-of-way safety practices in cooperation with CSX, the National Transportation Safety Board, the National Safety Council and Operation Lifesaver.

**We’re serious about safety.**

Metro police, safety officers and staff are in the field daily, keeping an eye out for anything unusual. And you can help. If you witness anything out of the ordinary, tell the bus driver or Metro police officer. To report an emergency to Metro Transit Police, call 202-962-2121.

**Schedule a safety presentation.**

Metro safety officers are available to speak to community groups, schools and individual companies about Metro safety. To schedule a free safety presentation, please call 202-962-1057.
Emergency escape windows
You can recognize the emergency escape windows by their label and distinctive red handles. Next to the handle are simple instructions for opening the windows.

Manual door operation
You can open the doors by disabling the mechanical opener. The release is next to the door. Use the red hammer to break the glass protecting the door release, then follow the instructions next to the door release.

Ceiling escape hatches
If you can’t get out through the doors or windows, use the ceiling escape hatches. Each has opening instructions.

Fire safety
Metrobus seats and carpets are flame retardant and fire resistant to help eliminate the danger of flash fires.

Compressed natural gas buses are equipped with a fire suppression system which protects against engine fires. In case of a fire, the system puts out the fire and prevents it from restarting.

Fire extinguishers
If there is a fire on a Metrobus, the driver is always the first person responsible for putting it out. But if the driver is unable to, it’s a good idea for you to know where they are:

- behind or under the driver’s seat.
- Inside the front door under the passenger side seat.

Protective wheel devices
Metrobuses are equipped with protective wheel devices to sweep people out of harm’s way if they fall under the rear wheels of the bus. The guards are attached to the back right wheel. Their curved shape acts like a wing, pushing whatever is caught out of the way by lifting it outward from the path of the bus.

Video cameras
Cameras on Metrobuses ensure your safety, and also provide valuable information in case of an accident or criminal investigation.