

# Traveling Safely

**With Children  
on the CTA  
Rail System**



**Travel Information**  
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**From the time you enter the CTA rail system until you leave, it is your responsibility to closely supervise the children who travel with you.**

**Hold on  
to your  
children**



**As a reminder, you will see this sign posted at CTA rail stations.**

# At Turnstiles

## WHEN ENTERING

- Never leave children unattended near turnstiles or rotogates.
- When traveling with a stroller, use the wheelchair accessible gate to enter the station or request assistance.
- Children 6 years and younger: Customer Assistant will open a station access gate.
- Children ages 7 to 11: Customer Assistant will assist with reduced fares.



## WHEN EXITING

- Never leave children unattended near turnstiles or rotogates.
- When traveling with a stroller, use the wheelchair accessible gate to exit the station or request assistance.
- Carry small children as you pass through a turnstile or rotogate.
- Hold bar for older children and individually help them through the turnstile or rotogate.



# Escalators

- Do not take children in strollers on escalators.
- Hold handrail and supervise children.
- Keep feet away from sides and edge of steps.
- Do not lean over the sides.
- Do not attempt to pick up fallen objects.



# Stairs

- Hold handrail and supervise children.
- Watch your step.
- Take one step at a time.
- Do not run.

## Helpful Tips

- Trains are less crowded in non-rush periods.
- Allow extra time when traveling with children.
- Have valid farecard or cash fare ready before entering fare collection area.
- When traveling with a stroller, use the wheelchair accessible gate to enter/exit the station or request assistance.
- Where available, use an elevator to access the platform when traveling with children/stroller.
- Please keep strollers clear of aisles and doorways.

## Fares for Children

- **FREE:** 6 years and younger with a fare-paying rider.
- **85¢ fare; 15¢ transfer:** 7 to 11 years of age.
- **\$1.75 fare; 25¢ transfer:** 12 years and older (adult fare).

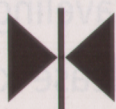
# Elevators

- Watch your step when entering or exiting.
- Most elevators have an interior intercom to communicate with the CTA Control Center in case of an emergency.
- These symbols are used on CTA elevator controls:

**OPEN DOORS**



**CLOSE DOORS**



**ALARM**



**EMERGENCY  
STOP SWITCH**



**MAIN FLOOR**



# Rail Station Platforms

- Wait for trains in boarding area.
- Children should be seated on benches or in a stroller whenever possible.
- Do not stand closer than 5 feet from the platform edge until the train has come to a complete stop.
- Skating or bicycle riding is not allowed on CTA property.



- If an object falls onto the track, never attempt to retrieve it yourself! First, ask the station's Customer Assistant for help or call (312) 432-8030. At no charge, you can also dial \*1 from any public phone on the platform.



# Trains

- Watch your step when boarding and exiting the train.
- Be aware that the train floor may be at a different level than the station platform.
- Children should be seated whenever possible.
- Children in an open stroller should be seated and secured in the stroller before boarding.
- Standing children should hold on to vertical bars or extension grab bars on seat backs.
- Never lean against doors.
- Do not cross from car to car.



- Do not stand between cars.
- In an emergency, follow the instructions of the crew and/or directions posted in the rail car.