



Getting you to your destination safely and on time has always been our biggest priority. Since 1992, we've established a record of safe and efficient service in Northern Virginia and we're dedicated to continuing that tradition.

In light of recent events, the danger of terrorist attacks in the United States has become a matter of focus for transportation systems across the country. In an effort to protect our onboard community, the VRE has instituted the Commuter Awareness For Safe Travel program (CAST). We ask for your help in providing a safe traveling environment for all our passengers by familiarizing yourself with these five basic steps. Together we can all contribute to our safety and security by being alert, informed and prepared.



BE SAFE

Don't put yourself in a dangerous situation. If someone or something is making you uncomfortable, don't hesitate to move out of the immediate area. When on the train, alert the conductor to the situation. When on the platform dial 911. If you can, warn others and help them to safety.



BE SMART

Stay calm, think clearly and listen for conductor announcements. In an emergency, tend to your own well-being first, then assist fellow passengers. Follow the orders of conductors, police, fire department and other emergency officials quickly and quietly.



BE INFORMED

Read the safety information posted by the VRE. Learn the emergency procedures on trains and platforms and the locations of emergency exits. Introduce yourself to the conductor on your regular daily commute and remember his or her name. Pay attention to the National Homeland Security terrorism alerts.



BE AWARE

Watch for the unusual. If you encounter unattended packages or devices, vehicles left near station entrances or stairways, or persons acting in a suspicious manner, notify the VRE conductor first. Call 911 if the conductor is not immediately available.



BE PREPARED

Develop a plan for an alternate commute should your primary route be unavailable. Establish a strategy to maintain contact with the other members of your family in the event of an emergency. Select a third party outside the region as a contact so that family members can relay messages to one another. If you have health conditions that emergency medical personnel would need to know, consider wearing a medical alert bracelet or necklace.