

BUS industry **SAFETY** council

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Post-Paris Attack Recommended Motorcoach Security Procedures, Elevated Awareness Urged

In the aftermath of last Friday's terrorist attacks in Paris, France, law enforcement agencies are urging all Americans to be vigilant and watchful. ABA is encouraging our members to review your security plans and have your employees and passengers be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity they might see.

Law enforcement officials currently say that there are **no specific** credible threats to transportation systems in the U.S., but we must increase our level of vigilance. Please take time to review with your teams the security and safety material that is on our website that the Transportation Security Administration and the Bus Industry Safety Council have created. This material will provide critical information to keep your company and your passengers safe.

Pre-trip: Security Check

- Inspect luggage bays pre-trip and then lock if possible.
- Walk interior of bus back to front (including lavatory) and make sure nothing is on the bus.
- Check all overhead compartments or racks and underneath seats.
- Inspect your bus completely if you leave the bus at any time recheck.

On the Road

- Be familiar with your emergency equipment: GPS panic button and Call Police destination signs.
- Review your company's coded duress words if available.
- If a terrorist attack around your bus: pay attention for text message on your phone or GPS where to go, if no contact with company go to a safe place, secure the bus and then contact us via normal phone or by e-mail. Consider bringing in a portable radio to listen for emergency updates.

Suspicious Packages

- Announce to all passengers to take all packages and if they see anyone depart the bus and leave something to notify you immediately.
- If a bag is left behind and it is in an unusual location or has unusual smells, leaking fluid, unusual shapes or wires or you just feel it is suspicious for any reason call 9-1-1 immediately.

NOTE: When calling 9-1-1 on your cell phone walk at least 3 bus lengths away from the suspicious package.

Facility Security

- If you don't know someone and they have no uniform or badge, observe them from a distance, get a good description. Call 911 if they are doing something to a bus or the facility.

If you see any broken locks or cut fences notify management immediately

Post-trip: Security Check II

- Inspect luggage bays pre-trip and then lock if possible.
- Walk interior of bus back to front (including lavatory) and make sure nothing is on the bus.
- Check all overhead compartments or racks and underneath seats.
- Inspect your bus completely if you leave the bus at any time recheck

Special Interest Items: Car Bombs at Bridges and Tunnels

- Indicators of a potential vehicle bomb are: Fuel smells, Burglary marks, Excessive weight, Covered objects, License plates don't match each other, unusual parking location

Situational Awareness

Additional intelligence and resources are available on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN). This portal is intended to assist federal, state, local, and tribal government agencies and authorities, the private sector Critical Infrastructure Owners and Operators and other entities and to help develop priorities for protective and support measures in the event of an existing or emerging threat to homeland security.

Access to the site will require the use of your assigned HSIN user name and password. [Click here to request access](#) to HSIN. If you require assistance with your HSIN password, please contact the HSIN Help Desk at hsin.helpdesk@dhs.gov or (703) 674-3003 or toll free at (866) 430-0162.

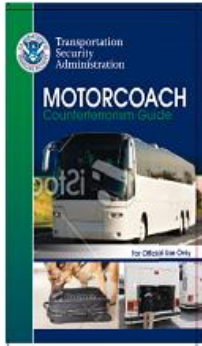
Operators should sign up for access to the Critical Infrastructure (HSIN-CI) and Highway and Motor Carrier (HSIN-HMC) portals.

To receive daily intelligence reports via email with additional information on situational awareness, please contact the Surface Transportation and Public Transportation Information Sharing and Analysis Center for the OTRB-ISAC reports. Please contact them at (866) 784-7221 or via email at st-isac@surfacetransportationisac.org or visiting www.surfacetransportationisac.org.

Additional Training Resources

Free training resources for the industry can be accessed on the **ABA website** [by clicking here](#).

In addition, resources have been developed and are publically available through the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for the motorcoach industry, access them by clicking on the picture of the motorcoach anti-terrorism guide below.



(relink picture image to <http://www.buses.org/assets/images/uploads/pdf/TSA-Motorcoach-Best-Practices.pdf>)

Above all, be vigilant. Observe what is going on around you; keep checking your bus and call 911 if you encounter an emergency. Call your dispatcher and local authorities if you observe anything suspicious and want to report it.

Please feel free to contact the ABA & BISC staff with any questions related to security procedures and best practices.

This BISC Security Committee will next be meeting in person in Louisville, KY on January 11, 2016 at 2:30 PM. A security briefing will be provided during [that](#) meeting by TSA. For more information on the meetings of this committee, please click here to visit the committee web page.

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