

Policies regarding Bicycles Inside Coaches

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The Question: Do you allow bicycles inside the coach? If you do, what are your policies for securing the bicycle?

Columbia County Public Transportation says... does not have any coaches, however we do allow bikes in our paratransit vehicles if there are not wheel-chair passengers on board and enough space is available. We keep bungies in our overhead compartment to strap them onto the inside of the lift grate and at times use seatbelts or the wheel-chair tie downs to secure them.

CUBS says... Bikes are only allowed on the outside bike racks.

Everett Transit says... We do allow bikes inside the bus at the driver's discretion and as long as the bike does not create a safety hazard and there is room. If the bus begins to fill with people or a w/c, or a bike rack space becomes available, the bike may need to be taken off the bus. We ask our drivers to tell the person this when they board the bus with a bike. We do not allow or require a bike to be secured other than "within the control of the owner".

Grays Harbor Transit says... We allow a bike inside the bus if the rack is full at the drivers discretion. The general rule is there has to be room in the rear of the bus, the bike must be loaded through the rear door and placed between two seats to secure it.

Intercity Transit says... We do **not** allow bicycles inside revenue vehicles.

Kitsap Transit says... Our policy is the same as Everett Transit's.

Link Transit says... Not at this time.

Mason Transit says... We do allow bikes inside the bus at the driver's discretion and as long as the bike does not create a safety hazard and there is room. If the bus begins to fill with people or a w/c, or a bike rack space becomes available, the bike may need to be taken off the bus. We ask our drivers to tell the person this when they board the bus with a bike. We do not allow or require a bike to be secured other than "within the control of the owner".

Pacific Transit says... Our policy is the same as Everett and Kitsap Transit's.

Pullman Transit says... We have bike racks on all of our buses so we seldom experience this problem. Our rule is that if the rack is full and another bicycle comes along, it is the drivers call if they can allow the bike inside or not based on ridership expectation for that time frame. If they do allow the bike inside we do not require any tie downs.

Skagit Transit says... In addition to the three position bike racks on our coaches, Skagit Transit does allow bikes inside its rural route coaches only if there is room in the Wheelchair areas. Bikes must be secured by the tie downs and if anyone in a wheelchair wants on board, the bikes must exit at that stop so we can accommodate the ADA passenger. This is an operational procedure and so far it is working very well.

Spokane Transit says... We have the same policy as expressed by Everett, Kitsap and others. However, all our coaches have bike racks for two bicycles, so there are rare occasions when both racks are full and there is enough room on the bus for a bicycle. Driver has the discretion to make the call.

Twin Transit says... We do not allow bicycles to be boarded inside the bus. Each bus is equipped with an exterior bike rack which holds two bikes. If a third person with a bike wants on, they have to wait for the next bus

Valley Transit says... We have allowed bikes inside the bus if the bike rack is full and there is plenty of room. Since going to a three position bike rack, we have not had this problem. There are no special securement requirements other than the owner of the bike needs to maintain control of the bike and not let it move around.

Whatcom Transit says... We do allow bicycles inside all of our buses except for buses 29 feet or shorter. On buses over 29 feet, if space allows and safety permits (as determined by the driver), a maximum of two bikes may be allowed on board. Here are some of our guidelines:

1. Seating for passengers will always take priority over space for bikes.
2. Bikes must be properly secured in the designated wheelchair securement station.
3. The driver can assist with bike securement, and can determine whether or not the bike is secured properly.
4. If a rider in a wheelchair is occupying the designated wheelchair securement station, the bike will not be allowed on board.
5. If either the wheelchair securement station or seating in the securement area is needed by a rider mid-journey, the bike will need to be removed. If there is no room to move the bike onto the bike rack, the rider must get off the bus (with his / her bike).
6. Bikes will not be allowed to protrude into the aisle way.
7. Bikes already secured inside the bus may remain inside even if space becomes available on the exterior bike rack.
8. Muddy or greasy bikes are not permitted inside the bus.

9. WTA assumes no liability for injuries to persons, or damage to bikes or personal property while using bike racks or securement stations.

Yakima Transit says... No.