

## Policies Regarding Standees

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**The Question:** Do you have a policy on standees if so, what is your policy? Is it different for highway speeds, in town, etc?

**Ben Franklin Transit** says... People are asked to sit if there are seats available, but if they really want to stand we let them as long as they are holding on. If we know that a route or service is going to be at highway speed we try to put a big enough bus to seat everyone. That does not always happen, so we sometime have standees even on the highway.

**CUBS** says... None.

**Everett Transit** says... We do allow standees and have overhead grab handles for this purpose.

**Grays Harbor Transit** says... We have signs posted in the front of the bus that state: **PLEASE REMAIN SEATED WHILE BUS IS IN MOTION**; however, if there are no seats available we allow passengers to stand. We have no policy regarding highway speeds, in town etc.

**Intercity Transit** says... We allow standees but it only occurs on our trunk routes in town; rarely on our express to Tacoma. We require Operators to call in standing loads to assist in our planning efforts.

**Island Transit** says... We do allow standees. It usually only happens from the Clinton P/R down to the ferry dock, which is less than a mile. If we have standees on, we are extra careful on starting and stopping to avoid injuries.

**Jefferson Transit** says... On large buses (30' and bigger) we allow 1.5 times the amount of seats for total number of passengers. On cutaways we will only allow for a couple of standees, and not on highways with these vehicles.

On our large buses we allow up to 50% of the seating capacity to stand. 40 seats = 20 standees. However our standing room crowds happen only during festivals & events and the distance and time a standee needs to stand is very short.

On smaller cut-away type vehicles we worry about exceeding the manufactures gross vehicle weight limits and only allow a few standees. (3-5 maybe – depending on their gross weight!)

**Kitsap Transit** says... We allow standees but we really try to use coaches large enough so that standees are infrequent. Drivers are trained to not move the coach until a passenger is fully seated or if standing, standing in a safe, secured manner. Hope this helps.

**Mason Transit** says... We allow standees, but encourage people to find seats. We seldom have standing loads, usually only on special events (in-town, slow speed), and once in a while on our worker-driver buses (highway -- physically strong riders), in an emergency. All coaches and cut-aways have overhead rails for passengers to use. I only wish we had that problem more!

**Skagit Transit** says... We use the same policy as Kitsap Transit. Currently we only have standees on two routes and not that frequent so we use the larger buses for those routes and as stated below, drivers do not move quickly away from a stop if we have standees.

**Whatcom Transit** says... We have no written policy, but allow standees. This happens fairly often with Western Washington University routes. On any other, and especially rural routes, Operators are expected to report standees.