

## Policies regarding pepper spray

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**The Question:** Do you allow your road supervisors to carry pepper spray and use it in the event of ongoing assault of passengers or drivers? If you do, do you have a policy for such use?

**Ben Franklin Transit** says... Not much use for pepper spray in paratransit and I don't think I would permit it if I were in charge of fixed route.

**Clallam Transit** says... We do not allow any employee to carry any weapon, including pepper spray.

**CUBS** says... We do not use pepper spray.

**Everett Transit** says... We have no-weapons, no-touching and no-violence policies. However, we are lucky enough to have a police response time of just a couple minutes (especially with a fight in progress or employee needs help call).

**Grays Harbor Transit** says... No we do not, and that sounds like it would have a lot of liability attached to it.

**Intercity Transit** says... We don't allow Supervisors to carry pepper spray.

**Island Transit** says... No, we do not allow this.

**Jefferson Transit** says... Supervisors do not carry pepper spray.

**Kitsap Transit** says... Absolutely not! I strongly believe this is a bad idea and puts the supervisor and agency at greater risk. If a supervisor needs to physically intervene, they call the police!

**Link Transit** says... No.....

**Pullman Transit** says... NO, why would you do this. We would call the police and let them deal with this.

**Skagit Transit** says... No, we do not.

**Twin Transit** says... Twin Transit does not have pepper spray available for use by any personnel. We don't have a policy, and the issue has not arisen until now. I imagine this could present a liability issue, and our general approach to assaultive/aggressive people is to call for law enforcement immediately, then stay out of the way and keep passengers safe.

**Valley Transit** says... We do not allow our Road Supervisor to carry pepper spray or any other type of weapons. If they encounter a serious problem they get help from the Police.

**Yakima Transit** says... No.