

Take Care of People in Need Offer Priority Seats (3 Minutes API)

Introduction

The government is committed to the concept of "Barrier-free transport", and works hand in hand with various public transport operators to implement a barrier-free transport system that caters for the needs of different passengers. With the government's encouragement, all major forms of public transport, including MTR, light rail, franchised buses, trams and certain ferries, currently provide priority seats for people in need, such as senior citizens, the disabled, pregnant women, and those with infants.

Buses

Priority seats on public transport are clearly marked and easy to identify. However, the colour and position of these seats can differ across different forms of transport. On franchised buses, the cushions and headrests of priority seats are of a different colour so passengers can recognise them immediately. Franchised bus companies place these seats close to the doors for the convenience of those in need. On board the bus, stickers that read "Please offer your seat to anyone in need" are displayed, and announcements are broadcast to remind passengers to give up their seats.

(Broadcast: Dear passengers, this compartment is equipped with priority seats. Please offer your seat to anyone in need. Thank you.)

Ferries & Trams

On ferry services, priority seats are located close to the boarding and disembarkation area for the convenience of those in need. Trams feature priority seats for disabled passengers of their lower decks, close to the driver's compartment.

MTR

In the MTR, passengers are always encouraged to offer their seats to people in need. As well as priority seats in carriages, there are announcements related to offering up seats in many different places.

Minibuses

For public light buses, including red and green minibuses, although there are generally no priority seats, the government encourages people to offer seats near the door to those in need.

Websites

To help people learn more, the websites of individual public transport operators such as KMB, New World First Bus, Citybus and the MTR all feature information on priority seats and messages encouraging passengers to offer seats to others.

Safety

When offering your seat, pay attention to safety, especially when in motion. Hold the handrail tightly and maintain balance. This way, whether offering a seat or in need of one, everyone can enjoy a safe and happy journey.

Round-up

Take care of people in need - Offer priority seats. Whenever taking public transport, don't occupy priority seats; leave them for those who need them. When you see someone in need get on board, help them sit down.