



Who is Eligible?

Anyone fourteen years-of-age or older qualifies for travel training. The program is not limited to senior citizens or people with disabilities.

How do I find out more or How do I get started?

Contact Travel Training Coordinators by calling 508-752-9283 x 2222 or via email,

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Get started today!

Begin by calling the WRTA Travel Training Office at 508-752-9283 x 2222.

An expert travel trainer will set up an in-house mobility assessment with you and assist in determining your travel goals. Training sessions provide first-hand experience riding buses in the community. Each trainee's needs and abilities are different, so training techniques and time devoted will vary with each unique individual.

You can do it!



What is Travel Training? How Will I Benefit?



This brochure provides the information necessary so you can learn to become a successful transit user.



What is Travel Training?

The WRTA's Bus Travel Training program is for people who want to learn to travel independently using our regular bus system. At no cost to you, travel training teaches individuals fourteen years-of-age and older, and people with disabilities, how to safely and independently ride the public transportation system.



What are the Benefits?

Riding the bus will bring you increased independence, it supports an active lifestyle. Our goal as travel trainers is to enhance your lifestyle and make it as easy as possible to travel using the WRTA.

What is the Travel Training Process?

You will work with a trainer who will help you find solutions that best fit your situation, your abilities and meet your needs. Training involves a series of steps from initial one-on-one instruction to the gradual fading of trainer assistance, leading to independent travel.

Individuals who need assistance can receive one or both of the following types of travel training:

Destination Travel Training: Teaches an individual to travel from a specific destination and back, usually on a daily basis.

General Travel Training: Provides the individual with greater riding instruction.



What does Bus Travel Training Include?

Each training program is individually tailored to your needs and will help you to:

- Plan your trip,
- Ride specific routes,
- Read and understand route maps and schedules,
- Get to and from your bus stop,
- Recognize bus numbers, bus stops, and landmarks,
- Pay fares and purchase tickets and passes,
- Get on and off the bus safely,
- Use the lift to board with a mobility device,
- Position your mobility device in the bus,
- Locate and transfer to other buses,
- Phone and emergency skills,
- Street crossing,
- Stranger awareness,
- Safety skills,
- Travel independently and confidently while riding the bus!