

Assault on a Transit Worker Overview

[Full reporters](#) (S&S-40 and -50 for major and non-major events, respectively) and [reduced reporters](#) (S&S-60 for annual reports) must report information about the **who**, **what**, and **where** of all assault on transit worker events.

Note: The examples below are not exhaustive and do not represent all possible scenarios.

Who

Worker Type	Description	Example
Operator	An individual who is compensated by the transit agency and whose function is to operate the transit vehicle	Bus operator Rail operator
Other Transit Worker	An individual other than an operator who is compensated by the transit agency or who is otherwise providing specific services on behalf of a transit agency	Transit police Station agent

What

Assault Type	Description	Example
Physical Assault	An assault in which the attack involves physical contact with the transit worker, which could include any physical contact with the victim from the attacker's body, a weapon, a projectile, or other item	Kicking Biting Spitting on transit worker Deliberate coughing on transit worker
Non-physical Assault	An assault in which the attack involves no physical contact with the transit worker	Threats Intimidation Harassment Physical assault attempt

Where

Location	Description	Example
In Transit Vehicle	In or on a transit vehicle	Bus Streetcar rail Ferryboat
In Revenue Facility	Facility or area that a passenger uses to board or deboard from a transit vehicle using a platform	Stairs Elevator/escalator Canopy/wind shelter Ticket office or machine Restroom Parking facility/garage Turnstile
In Non-revenue Facility	Facility or area that is not used to enable individuals to board or alight from transit vehicles, and that is primarily staffed by transit employees	Administrative building

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Find all NTD reporting guidance at transit.dot.gov/ntd/manuals.

Other	Location that is not in a revenue or non-revenue facility and is not a transit vehicle; captures events not occurring in listed locations	City street
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Note: The locations listed above are general categories as outlined on the S&S-50 and S&S-60 forms. The S&S-40 form includes more granular location types as described on pages 73-74 of the Safety and Security Policy Manual.

Additional Resources

- [Transit Worker Assault Guide for Full Reporters](#)
- [Transit Worker Assault Guide for Reduced Reporters](#)
- [National Transit Database Safety & Security Policy Manual, February 2024](#)
- [National Transit Database 2023 Policy Manual: Full Reporting](#)
- [National Transit Database 2023 Policy Manual: Reduced Reporting](#)

For support related to reporting transit worker assault, please contact your NTD validation analyst or email NTDHelp@dot.gov.