
The complete rules for public communication activities are in King County Code Chapter 28.96, which you can find at these places:

- www.kingcounty.gov/council/legislation/kc_code.aspx
- The County Clerk's office in the King County Courthouse
- Most county libraries

If anything in this brochure is inconsistent with the Code, the Code prevails.



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Guidelines for Public Communication Activities

**On Metro buses, at transit centers, in
the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel,
and at other Metro facilities**

King County law sets rules for public communication activities on buses and at transit properties. Public communication means sharing messages about political, social, religious or other matters through activities such as:

- distributing flyers, brochures, books or other written materials
- carrying signs
- public speaking
- performing music

This brochure summarizes the rules.



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Public communication rules

Not allowed

Public communication activities are not allowed on any transit vehicles.

Allowed with limitations

Public communication activities are allowed at bus stops, park-and-rides, and other passenger facilities, except that people engaged in public communications cannot do the following:

- Cannot sell printed materials or solicit funds at bus stops, park-and-rides and transit centers.
- Cannot hang up any materials at bus stops, park-and-rides and transit centers.
- Cannot leave leaflets on vehicles at park-and-rides.
- Cannot conduct public communication activities in parking areas (like those in a park-and-ride) or roadways (like those in a transit center).
- Cannot conduct public communication activities on any station platform in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel. Activities are allowed at the mezzanines at Westlake, University and Pioneer Square stations and at the outside plazas at Convention Place and International District stations.

- Cannot use parking spaces at passenger facilities unless you are also using public transportation.
- Cannot carry signs at transit facilities that are of a size or material that could harm people or property, or are larger than 3 feet by 3 feet. Smaller signs that don't create a hazard are OK.
- Cannot block any stairway, escalator, elevator, entrance, customer service counter, ticket or automatic teller machine, or other facilities where operations are conducted, and may not block any pedestrian path to those areas.

Clean-up

People engaged in public communication activities are responsible for cleaning up and will be liable for any costs of clean-up, repair and replacement as necessary.

King County Metro Transit reserves the right to terminate or move public communication activities if they are creating a safety or security problem or interfering with operations.

Requirements for a letter of authorization

People engaged in public communication activities are required to get a letter of authorization (LOA) for:

- Any group of more than four people at one place
- Use of a table
- Use of a public address system or loudspeaker

Where to apply for a letter of authorization:
King County Metro Transit
Real Estate and Environmental Planning Office
201 S Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104
transitproperty@kingcounty.gov

- You may obtain an LOA in person for same-day use or up to seven days in advance of use.
- Mailed requests must be received at least 10 days before the intended date of use.
- LOAs are subject to availability and are valid for a specific location, date and time only.
- You should carry the LOA with you while engaged in public communications.