



Board Adopted Policy

Policy Title:	Carry On Package		
Effective Date: 02/01/2010	Review Cycle: three (3) years		
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I. Application: Authority wide

II. Intent: The Benzie Transportation Authority (BTA) is charged with ensuring passenger safety at all times.

III. Procedure: It is the policy of the BTA that carry on packages are permitted provided they can be placed in a location where they will not interfere with the entrance, exit or free use of the aisles by passengers. Carry on packages must not in any way compromise the safe operation of the vehicle or the safety of all passengers. The vehicle driver shall have the authority to exercise judgment on what can and cannot be brought aboard the bus.

Partial List of Items Permitted On Buses:

The following items may be carried on vehicles provided they meet the policy criteria.

Baggage – ordinary hand baggage and packages or articles which can be carried without inconvenience to the other passengers.

Carriages and strollers – Baby carriages and/or strollers may be carried only when folded so as not to interfere with the free use of the aisle. It is not legal to transport a child in a carriage or stroller during transport.

Carts – Personal shopping carts may be carried on board as long as they do not interfere with the free use of the aisle.

Walking aids/stand up walkers – It is preferred that walkers be folded so they do not interfere with the free use of the aisle.

Bicycles – Attempts to utilize the external bike rack should be made, however, if the bicycle rack is full or the bicycles will not fit securely to the external rack, they may be transported on the inside of the bus if there is room, and it can be secured.

Skis – Because of their size and the sharpness of the poles, it is preferred that they be contained in some type of carrying case.



Items Not Permitted on Buses:

The following items are some, but not all, of the items that represent potential hazards and are prohibited from transport.

Fishing poles that are assembled and or hooks are attached.

Sharp objects or instruments.

Gasoline or other flammable or hazardous materials.

Explosives

Non-Folding furniture, baby carriages, or strollers

Weapons including, and with no exceptions, firearms and other legally defined weapons and chemical dispensing devices.

Drugs that are illegal, or have been illegally attained.

Items that are too large, are of excessive weight, or cannot be properly secured.

Small machinery that may contain gasoline or flammable/hazardous material that is not in a carrying case.

Bundles that will interfere with the free use of the aisle, along with any bags, or containers that are leaking.