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Bus passengers to be fined for playing loud music – 28th September 2026

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People's loud music on public transport has become annoying for many commuters. Singapore has introduced fines of up to S\$500 for music on buses that annoys other passengers. The fines will also apply to anti-social behaviour such as putting feet on seats and littering. Singapore's government said the fines would help create a "more considerate and pleasant public transport environment". It added: "Every commuter has a part to play."

The government decided that bus drivers should focus on operating buses safely. However, drivers will be able to ask inconsiderate passengers to get off the bus. Many commuters were happy with the new fines. A 29-year-old who has to travel to Singapore's airport by bus told a newspaper: "I saw the new rules and I thought, 'Thank God'." Another commuter said: "I just want to get to work without listening to other people's irritating music."

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Loud music from passengers on public transport has become annoying for people who want to travel in quiet. Singapore has introduced fines of up to S\$500 for loud music on buses that annoys other passengers. The fines will also apply to other anti-social behaviour, such as putting feet on seats, littering, and eating on buses. A news release from Singapore's government said the fines would help create a "safer, more considerate and pleasant public transport environment". It added: "Every commuter has a part to play in ensuring a gracious and pleasant commuting environment."

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The loud music from other passengers on public transport has become a peeve for many people who want to travel in quiet. Singapore has introduced new fines of up to S\$500 for blaring out music on buses that annoys other passengers. The new penalties will also be applied to other anti-social behaviour, such as putting feet on seats, littering, and eating or drinking on buses. A news release from Singapore's Land Transport Authority (LTA) said the fines would help create a "safer, more considerate and pleasant public transport environment for all". The LTA added: "Public transport is a shared space, and every commuter has a part to play in ensuring a gracious and pleasant commuting environment."

The fines will not be issued by bus drivers. The LTA has decided that bus drivers should prioritise passenger safety while driving their vehicles. The LTA said drivers needed to focus on "their primary responsibility of operating buses safely". However, drivers will have the power to ask inconsiderate and disruptive passengers to get off the bus. Many commuters welcomed the new fines. A 29-year-old flight attendant who has to travel to work at Singapore's Changi Airport by bus told the Straits Times newspaper: "I saw the new rules and I thought, 'Thank God'." A 56-year-old commuter was happy. She said: "I just want to get to work without listening to other people's irritating music."