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Reminder: Alcohol Banned From MTA Railroads During New Year's Eve and Through Morning

MTA Police Department to Enforce Ban on Metro-North Railroad and Long Island Rail Road

This New Year's Eve, don't risk driving under the influence. Avoid the aggravation from the numerous New Year's Eve street closings in Manhattan. Take the train to your destination; just don't drink alcohol while on board, or while you're at or in the station.

In keeping with established practices, the MTA Police Department will enforce a temporary ban of the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages – including closed containers – on board MTA Metro-North Railroad or MTA Long Island Rail Road trains or at stations.

"Hundreds of thousands of people from the 15 counties served by MTA railroads will be riding with us on New Year's Eve," said Elliot G. Sander, the MTA's executive director and CEO. "We want to make sure everyone arrives home safely."

The railroad alcohol ban will be in effect on Monday evening into Tuesday morning.

And as always, consumption of alcohol or possession of unopened alcohol containers is prohibited on board MTA New York City Transit subways and buses and in stations. This law is enforced by the New York City Police Department.