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"Watch Your Step!" on Escalators is MTA LIRR's Latest Safety Tip

PART OF "BE TRAINSMART... TUNE INTO SAFETY" CAMPAIGN

MTA Long Island Rail Road is reminding customers to take precautions when boarding or exiting station escalators. The safety tip is the latest focus of the Railroad's year-long public service campaign, "Be TrainSmart... Tune In To Safety!"

"Watch Your Step!" the title of a new brochure being distributed on trains, covers all you need to know about navigating escalators. The message is also featured in an on-board poster campaign.

The campaign stresses that an escalator may seem like a harmless convenience, but accidents can cause serious injury as well as damage to clothing and property.

Important safety tips include reminders to grasp the handrail, stand in the middle of the step, hold children firmly by the hand and keep hands, feet and clothing clear of moving parts. Another important warning to customers is: Don't read your e-mail or send text messages while riding on escalators.

LIRR President Helena Williams said: "Escalators are quick and convenient. But it's important to remember that escalators are machines with moving parts that can be dangerous. Safety should never be taken for granted."

Customers can read more about the Railroad's safety campaign by going to the LIRR's website at www.mta.info.