LTA bus nuisance rules from 23 September: up to S$500 or S$5,000

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The Land Transport Authority said on **21 September 2026** that new bus and bus-interchange conduct rules take effect from **23 September 2026**, aligning nuisance offences on buses with the existing rail framework.

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What becomes an offence

Under the Bus Services Industry (Control of Conduct and Activities) regulations for public buses and for bus interchanges, nuisance and disruptive behaviour become offences. That covers feet on seats, playing audio at loud volume, littering, and eating or drinking on board. The maximum penalty for those offences is **S$500**.

More serious offences, including causing obstruction or danger to other commuters inside interchanges or terminals, or soiling any part of a public bus, interchange or terminal, carry a maximum of **S$5,000**. Those ceilings match the Rapid Transit Systems Regulations.

Empowered staff from public bus operators, such as ticket inspectors and bus interchange staff, may issue Administrative Notifications of Offences (Administrative NOO). LTA follows up with investigations. Bus captains are not empowered to issue Administrative NOO, so they can stay focused on driving. Captains can still advise passengers to stop disruptive behaviour under the Conditions of Carriage, require non-compliant passengers to alight, and call the Bus Operations Control Centre or the Police when needed.

LTA said it and operators will continue to use discretion, including for commuters with physical or mental health conditions, while taking action against nuisance behaviour.

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