

TORRENS TRANSIT **BUS** **SAFETY** SURVEY RESULTS



A survey of over 350 Torrens Transit bus drivers has shed light on significant concerns around assaults and dangers of the job, and revealed that many would consider leaving the industry if it doesn't improve.

PHYSICAL ASSAULTS

- “ I was **hit with a hammer** by a car driver.
- “ Once someone reached behind the driver's door safely screen and **punched me in the top teeth**, breaking 2 tooth caps.
- “ I've had multiple people **spit at me**, and **throw cans of drink** on me.
- “ I was **pregnant** and a woman was being extremely racist toward a passenger. I asked her to stop or get off. She aggressively came toward me and **pushed her hand bag into the side of my body**. It was extremely scary.



49%
have been
physically
abused at work

VERBAL ASSAULTS



91%
have been verbally
abused at work

- “ Passenger **threatened me to kill me** because I went past his stop
- “ Someone threatened to **throw me out of the bus** and **racially abused me**
- “ Group of people **shouted and yelled at me**. It was really mentally challenging and hard to drive for the next couple of hours.

A DANGEROUS INDUSTRY

95%

say the industry is
getting more
dangerous

81%

would consider
leaving if things
don't improve

- “ At the moment it's way too dangerous it's getting to the point when you go to work you think I'm driving home tonight or **leaving in an ambulance**.
- “ I've started hating the job and do it only because it's a way of survival.
- “ The job isn't safe anymore and we don't get paid properly for what we endure