

SKATE WORM'S™ BIG APPLE SURVIVAL GUIDE:

REAL SKATEBOARD TIPS FROM A REAL SKATEBOARDING WORM!

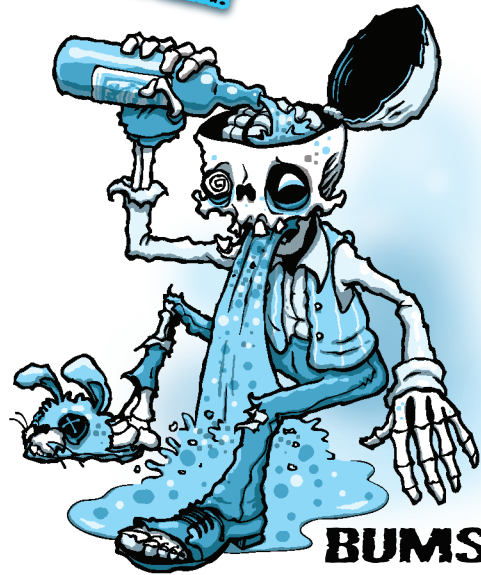


TOURISTS

Visitors to NYC hail from all reaches of the galaxy and come in a myriad of shapes, sizes and speeds. These selfie-taking, new-white sneaker-wearing, building-pointer-at-ers travel herd style and turn any city block into a parking lot. Incapable of reading subway maps or social cues, one of these time bloated sidewalk stealers is destined to find their way into your path. Think fast or you'll find yourself playing the role of the ball in a game of bowling for boneheads.

DANGER RATING: 📱📱📱 3 BROKEN PHONES

Hip Tip Don't forget you're a tourist too. Have fun but respect the locals. New Yorkers are nice. Until they're not.



BUMS

New York City bums are the best of the best. Their mouths are the frothiest, their infections the brightest, they smell the most paint stripping. Microcosms of all of NYC's greatest ills, these booze soaked sidewalk crustaceans are a haunting reminder of what happens when things go really rotten in the Big Apple.

DANGER RATING: 🍷🍷 2 40s

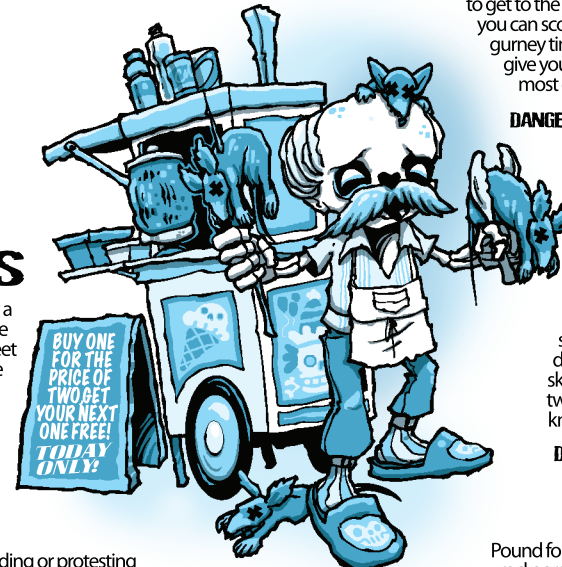
Hip Tip Never get on a subway car with only one bum inside. There's a reason everyone else is as to amput in the other cars while that one is empty. That reason is usually leaking out of their pants.



STREET VENDORS

When you're low on funds and dying of hunger, skarfing at a street vendor might be your saving grace. Or it might be the single worst decision you've ever made. The rewards of street meat are immediate, but so are the consequences. Choose your chow carefully, because within minutes of rolling the dining dice, you'll either be bombing through double parked cars, or doubled over between parked cars.

DANGER RATING: 🍷 1 CASE OF FOOD POISONING



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SHIFTLESS DUDES

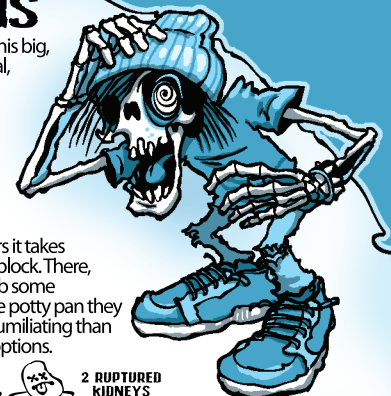
Shiftless dudes are characterized by the fact that they aren't doing anything or going anywhere. In a city as fast paced as NY, jerks at a standstill are up to no good. Pickpockets, metro card scammers and just good old fashioned muggers in waiting. If you see somebody doing nothing, it's means something. Stay alert!

DANGER RATING: 📱📱📱 3 STOLEN PASSPORTS

BATHROOMS

It seems impossible that in a city this big, there are no toilets, but trust me pal, there aren't. Every New Yorker you see on the street pooped at home before they left. If you didn't, you'll be forced into hunting down the unholy grill of NYC- a publicly accessible toilet. In lieu of that fate worse than death, try faking a heart attack and waiting the three hours it takes to get to the hospital down the block. There, you can score a free gown, grab some gurney time, and use the little potty pan they give you. It will be far less humiliating than most of your other NYC options.

DANGER RATING: 🚽🚽 2 RUPTURED KIDNEYS



CAMEL

While you are skating in NYC, you might run into Camel. Good for you! Camel has attended every skate event ever held in NYC and knows everybody in the entire city by name (as long as your name is "Dude"). He's old as crap but he still shreds NYC daily. Remember that day you were "Thinking about going skating"? Well, Camel had all ready skated twice that day. Give respect. Get knowledge. Go skate!

DANGER RATING: 🥊 1 FIST BUMP



ROCKS

Pound for pound most dangerous thing in the city. NYC rocks are much faster than the rocks you've encountered elsewhere. They're also basted in the worst juices the Big Apple has to offer. Keep your eyes peeled or you'll go from piling on the speed to pulling pooped on plague pebbles from you proboscis (look it up).

DANGER RATING: 🪨 1 POUND OF FLESH

Hip Tip Should you get served by a rock here in NYC, skip the hospital and head directly to your local skate shop. They won't do anything for your freshly contracted case of Hepatitis, but they might have some shoes on sale, and since they haven't sold a deck in months, they sure could use your business.



POOP

The poop in your town is just as gnarly as the poop in NYC, but in NYC, there's a lot more poop. A malodorous mass of poop nugs, poop spray, and puddles of pee with poop on top. Plan your path with precision, because this is NYC and, unlike your town, that pile of poop might not be from a dog.

DANGER RATING: 💩💩 1 PAIR OF SHOES



POTHOLES

Much like Staten Island, NYC potholes are part trash pit, part sink-hole and best avoided.

DANGER RATING: 🕷️ 10 STITCHES 1 STAPH INFECTION



PEE BEFORE YOU LEAVE

THE FUZZ

As long as you're not doing anything stupid like skateboarding or protesting for your rights, you might avoid getting hassled by the Man. But if you do get pinched, here's how to tell the scary cops from the really scary cops.



Traffic Cops: NYC's human speed bumps. WILL NOT chase you for any reason (which is probably why they are there to begin with).

DANGER RATING: 🍩 1 BAGEL



Beat Cops: Found only in pairs (one to shoot while the other yells FREEZE!), NYC beat cops are typically more "Stop and Frisk" than start and run. However, they can be dangerous over short distances. If pursued, skate past another crime or a doughnut shop to draw them off.

DANGER RATING: 🍩🍩 2 DOUGHNUTS

Hip Tip If you're usually arrested while on skate trips, make sure you get your still cuff-free hands on a copy of "Skate Worm's Riker's Island Survival Guide". Printed on smokeable paper, it's currently available pre-arrest by visiting

www.spoonsharpeningtipz.com or post-arrest by having someone smuggle you in a copy inside their butt.



SWAT Team: Shoot first and ask questions never. NYC SWAT cops are distinguished from other law enforcement by the fact that they are huge scary dudes with black body armor, helmets, high tech weaponry and mustaches. These dudes are built to kill and you SHOULD NOT trust the software controlling them.

DANGER FACTOR: 🍩🍩 1 1/2 CRULLERS

OLD MAN WINTER

There's nothing like the feeling of bombing through the streets and sidewalks of NYC. Which is why YOU SHOULD NEVER, EVER, COME TO NYC IN THE WINTER. NYC is cloudy with a chance of suck on the best Winter day, but factor in global warming's tantrums and sucky isn't as bad as it gets. Ice welds snow over spots for weeks and there's not an indoor joint in town without a beam in the middle of it. You'll also freeze your keister off in that hooded sweatshirt you thought was going to be warm enough. Try again when your grass turns green.

DANGER RATING: 🍷🍷 2 FROZEN BUMS

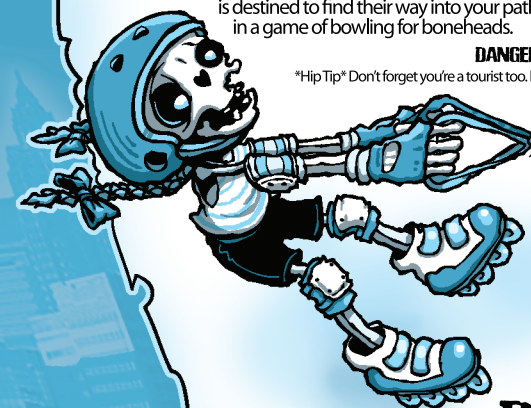


DOG WALKERS

In NYC, most people are either too busy or too rich to play sidewalk pooper-scooper with their pooch. So, to keep their carpets and their consciences clean, they hire a dog walker (aka. an out of work professional). Run in's with dog walkers can result in cuts, bruises, paw-shaped business cards and conversations about how they just got laid off and this is their first week and they never really had a dog growing up.

DANGER RATING: 🍷🍷 4 BAGS OF POOP 1 BORING CONVERSATION

Hip Tip If bitten, get away fast! This is NYC and the dog's owner may try to sue you for teeth blunting.



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