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### Rail safety under spotlight after teen girls charged with attack on train passengers

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**THREE teenage girls have been charged after allegedly assaulting passengers on a train travelling from the Gold Coast to Brisbane.**

The attacks on the Gold Coast line - often referred to as the Bombay Express because of overcrowding - allegedly occurred around 5pm yesterday.

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Police charged three teenagers aged 14, 15 and 17 after two female passengers were assaulted, leaving them with cuts and bruises.

The train stopped at Park Road Station in Dutton Park where two senior network officers intervened - and it's alleged they too were assaulted by the three girls.

A female police officer was also allegedly punched and spat on before the three were arrested.

A 15-year-old and a 17-year from Kingston were charged with two counts of assault, two counts of obstructing police and one count of serious assault of a police officer.

A 14-year-old girl from Nambour was charged with two counts of assault and two counts of obstructing police. The 17-year-old was due to appear before Brisbane Magistrates Court today.

The 14-year-old and 15-year-old will be dealt with under the Youth Justice Act.

A spokeswoman for Transport Minister Scott Emerson said the department takes the safety of public transport commuters "extremely seriously".

"Over the last six months we have conducted a number of blitzes across the network to crack down on fare evasion and anti-social behaviour. Mid last year we opened a new police outpost at Robina and are currently looking into recruiting more senior network officers," she said.

"The message is clear: if you play up on public transport, you will be caught and you will be punished."

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