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RAIL SAFETY TIPS

Whether you're on foot, in a car, or riding a bike, snowmobile or ATV, stay safe around railway tracks and trains. Follow these tips – they could save your life.



STAY OFF THE TRACKS

Never walk, cycle or drive along railway tracks. It's hard to tell how far away a train is or how fast it's going. Trains can go as fast as 160 km/h and can take up to 2 km to come to a full stop. That's as long as 18 football fields!



PLAY IT SAFE

Railway tracks, tunnels, bridges and yards are dangerous places! They aren't safe hangouts for kids or adults. It's also against the law to play in these places – you could be fined up to \$50,000.



USE RAILWAY CROSSINGS

Don't cut across the tracks—it could be deadly! Always use railway crossings to stay safe. Remember, trains can come at any time, from both directions, and on any track. They don't always run on a set schedule.



FOLLOW RAILWAY SIGNS AND SIGNALS

Railway signs, lights, bells and gates are there to keep you safe! Before crossing, look both ways and listen for trains. If one is coming, or if you see any railway warning signals, then STOP behind any gates or stop lines—at least 5 metres away—and wait for the train to pass. Only cross when the signals have stopped and you're sure no other trains are coming.



STAY ALERT

Today's trains are very quiet – you may not hear one if you're listening to music, talking to your friends, or focused on your phone. Even though trains whistle at most crossings, you won't hear them if you're wearing your headphones.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Trains can hang over the tracks by as much as 1 meter on each side! They sometimes carry loads that are wider than the railway cars themselves. So, stay clear! You could also get hit by chains, straps, or other equipment if you are too close.

REMEMBER

- *It's hard to tell how far away a train is from you, or its speed. Trains are usually a lot closer than they seem—and travel a lot faster.*
- *A train hitting a car is like a car running over a pop can. The average freight train weighs more than 5.5 million kg. A car only weighs around 1,375 kg.*

Know the Signs and Signals

FLASHING RED LIGHTS

STOP when flashing. DO NOT proceed until the lights stop flashing. If the lights begin flashing after you start crossing the tracks, keep going.

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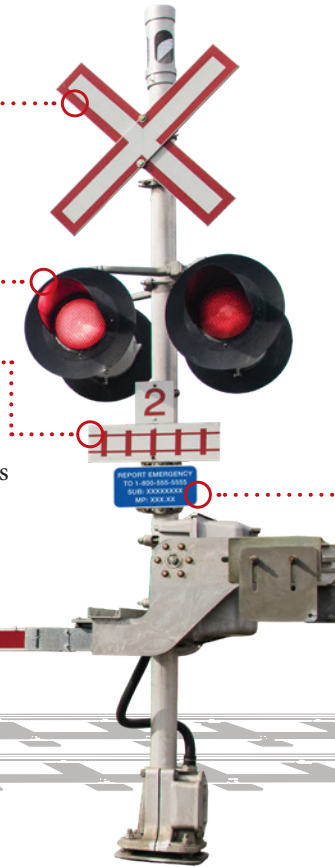
YIELD if a train is approaching. Trains always have the right-of-way.

LOWERING GATES AND FLASHING RED LIGHTS

A train is approaching (even if you don't see it yet). DO NOT proceed until the lights turn off and the gates go up. It's illegal and dangerous to go around lowered gates.

MULTIPLE TRACKS

Multiple tracks are present. Multiple tracks may mean multiple trains. Wait until you can see clearly down the tracks in both directions before proceeding.



PAVEMENT MARKINGS

A large "X" and a wide white line on the road mean you're approaching a railway crossing. Stay behind the white stop line while waiting for a train to pass. No stop line? Stop at least 5 metres from the nearest rail.

LOW GROUND CLEARANCE CROSSING

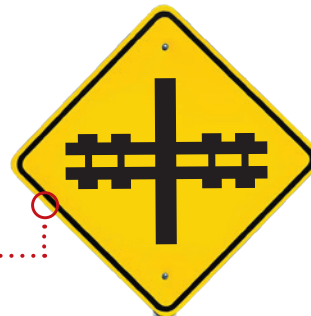
Raised crossing ahead. If you drive anything low to the ground — like a bus, truck, sports car or trailer — you're at risk of getting hung up on the tracks. DO NOT proceed until you know your vehicle will clear the tracks.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SIGN (ENS)

This is the first phone number to call if a vehicle is stuck or stalls on the tracks (this number may also be found on the signal house). You can also dial it to report people, vehicles or debris on the tracks, as well as damaged signs or signals, or obstructed views. The mile post and subdivision listed on the sign will help the railway to identify your location.

ADVANCE WARNING

Slow down, look, listen, and BE PREPARED TO STOP. Typically, this is the first sign you see when approaching a railway crossing.



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