



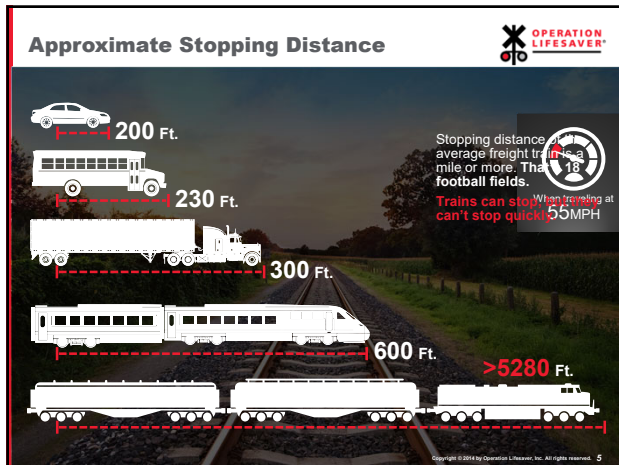
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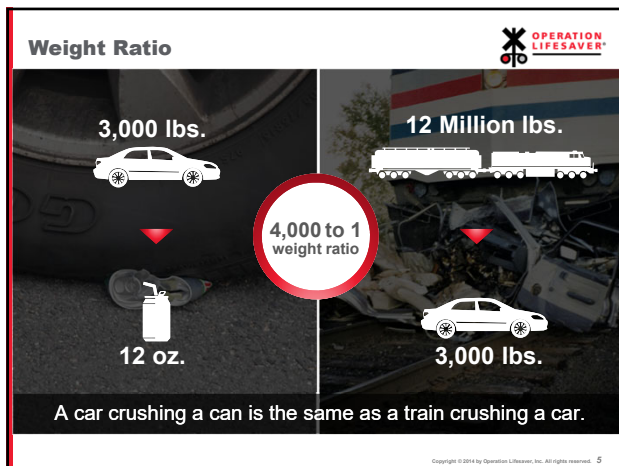
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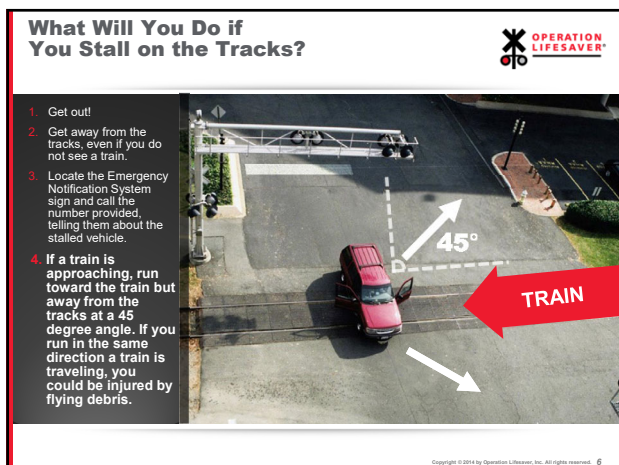
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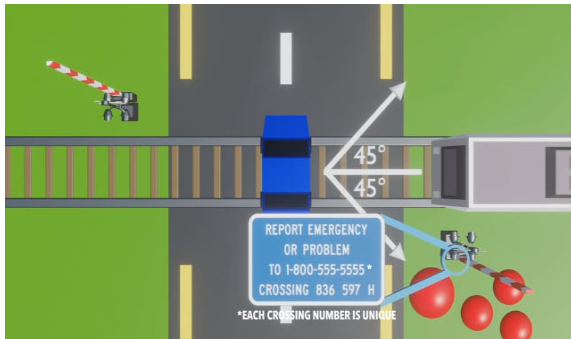


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What will you do if you stop on the tracks?



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Emergency Notification System (ENS)



**REPORT EMERGENCY
OR PROBLEM
TO 1-800-555-5555
CROSSING 836 597 H**

In case of emergency, look for this blue sign that shows an emergency phone number.

- Call the number and give the Department of Transportation (DOT) crossing number found on the sign to identify your location.
- This sign may be located on the crossbuck post or signal post.
- If you cannot locate the ENS sign, call 911 or the local police.



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Approaching a Passive Crossing



- You may see a round yellow Advance Warning sign that warns drivers that railroad tracks are ahead.
- Pavement markings R X R, may be near the Advance Warning sign.
- There is a **no passing zone** within 100 feet of the approach to a railroad crossing.

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Passive Crossing

- A passive crossing does not have flashing lights or automatic gates.
- The crossbuck sign, required at all public railroad crossings, means to yield the right of way to the train.
- A painted line identifies the safe place to stop when a train is approaching. If there isn't a line, stop no closer than 15 feet and no farther than 50 feet from the closest rail.

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Active Crossing – Warning Devices

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Flashing red lights warn of an approaching train and must be treated like a stop sign.

- At crossings with flashing lights and no gates, you must stop. Proceed only when it is safe to do so.
- Trains always have the right-of-way.

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Driving Around the Gate

- Flashing lights with gates close the road temporarily when a train is approaching.
- Cross only when the gates are up completely and the lights have stopped flashing.
- Driving around lowered gates is dangerous and illegal.

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Road Parallels Track




This sign warns that the next turn will immediately approach a railroad crossing. Drivers should slow down and make the turn with caution and look for an approaching train.

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Multiple Tracks



Multiple Tracks Mean Multiple Trains

Check for a multiple track sign, which informs the driver how many sets of tracks are at that crossing. Always make sure all tracks are clear before crossing any track. If there is a train in the crossing, after that train clears, make sure train is not approaching on any other track from either direction.

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There May Not Always Be a Train Horn



Some communities have established Quiet Zones where train horns will not routinely sound.

Look for "No Train Horn" signs that should be attached to the Advance Warning Sign.

For more information on the Federal Train Horn Rule and Quiet Zones, visit www.fra.dot.gov.

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Speed Misperception



Airplanes look like they are almost hanging in mid-air but their landing speed is **over 150 mph**. The effects of the optical illusion are the same with trains.



Because of their size, trains **appear** to be much further away and travelling much slower than their actual speed.




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Three Don'ts



1 Don't pass
on the tracks




2 Don't shift gears
while crossing the tracks



3 Don't stop
on the tracks
(it's illegal)



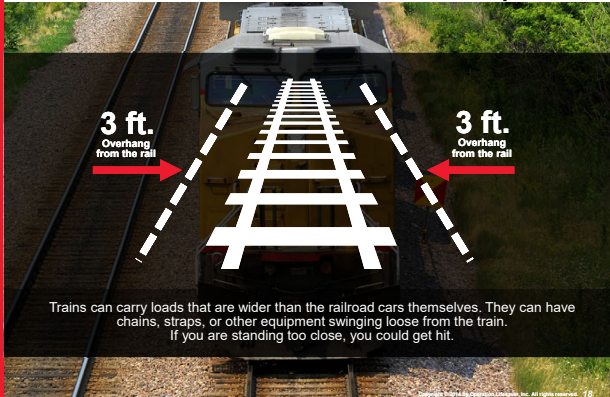
When you stop, make sure the **front and the back** of your vehicle are **15 feet** from the nearest rail.




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Trains Overhang the Track



Trains can carry loads that are wider than the railroad cars themselves. They can have chains, straps, or other equipment swinging loose from the train. If you are standing too close, you could get hit.



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Overdriving Your Headlights



Overdriving your headlights means driving too fast to stop in the distance illuminated by the headlights.



This can result in collisions when motorists run into the side of a train.



Watch for an Advance Warning Sign then slow down and be prepared to stop if a train is approaching.

Always expect a train!

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Distractions



Don't text while driving!






Multi-tasking behind the wheel can be dangerous and even deadly—this is especially true around train tracks.


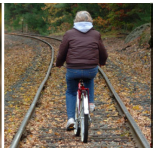


Avoid driving when tired or after drinking alcohol or taking medications (prescriptions or over the counter) that can blur your vision, cause drowsiness, and impair reaction time.

When approaching railroad tracks, keep your full attention on the road and your surroundings.

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Trespassing

**Stay Off!
Stay Away!
Stay Alive!®**

- Recreational activities do not mix with railroad tracks—you are trespassing.
- Listening to music near railroad tracks may prevent you from hearing the train horn.
- Train crews are not expecting people on or near the tracks. You may not be able to hear a warning in time.

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Stay Off! Stay Away! Stay Alive!®



TRESPASSING IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL



STAY OFF RAILROAD TRACKS

Railroad property is private property.

Being on railroad tracks or property without permission is trespassing, even if a sign is not posted.

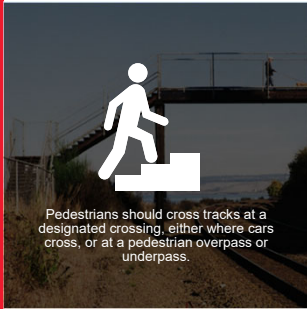
Taking a shortcut across the tracks can get you seriously injured or killed.

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Where Do You Cross the Tracks?





Pedestrians should cross tracks at a designated crossing, either where cars cross, or at a pedestrian overpass or underpass.



Use designated sidewalks when available.

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Trains Can Move Without Warning





Playing On

Too Close

Under

Do not play on rail cars. When the train starts to move, the rail cars often jerk with enough force to knock you off.

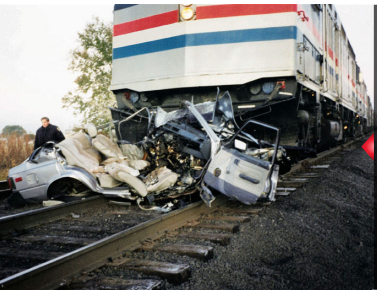
Don't stand too close to the tracks. Overhanging equipment can hit you causing serious injuries or death.

Don't crawl under rail cars. Trains move without warning. You can lose an arm, a leg, or even worse.

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Train and Car Collisions



- Two construction workers were late for work.
- They approached a properly operating railroad crossing with the gates down.
- After waiting for the train to pass, they drove around the lowered crossing gates thinking it was safe.
- They were struck by an oncoming train on the other tracks.

Never drive around lowered gates.



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Look, Listen & Live












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