

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



- **Only cross tracks at designated crosswalks.** There are clearly marked signs showing you safe areas to cross the tracks.
- **Make sure you STOP when you detect the tactile warning strip.** They're there for your protection.
- **Don't stand on/near the tracks.** Trains have an overhang and may still hit you even if you are not on the track.
- **Ensure you give yourself enough room for the crossing gate to come down in front of you.**
- **Watch for signs and signals.** There will be red flashing lights or a train warning symbol at the crossing to indicate a train is coming. These symbols always mean stop.
- **Never try to outrun the train or gate.** When you see the gate coming down or the train warning symbol, stop, do not run across.

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- **Never go onto the tracks and keep away from overhead wires – they may be electrified.** If you drop something, alert a station agent, police officer or company personnel.
- **Trespassing on and around tracks is unlawful.** That means you may be subject to criminal prosecution for being and remaining on or near the track without authorization.
- **Don't let your smartphone be a distraction.** Tracks are for trains, not selfies. Stay alert. Stay alive.



TIME OUT FOR SAFETY!

See Tracks? Think Train!

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CATS ASKS THAT YOU TAKE A TIMEOUT FOR SAFETY.
YOUR SAFETY IN AND AROUND THE TRACKS IS OUR #1 PRIORITY.

LOOK, LISTEN AND LIVE!



- **Obey all rail traffic signs and signals.** They are there for your safety, not as an inconvenience.
- **As you approach a railroad crossing, always expect a train.** Trains can run on any track, at any time, from either direction.
- **Trains always have the right-of-way.** All day, every day.
- **Never drive around lowered crossing gates.** It is illegal and dangerous. Even if you can't see the rail vehicle, that doesn't mean it isn't coming.
- **Never race a train to a crossing.** You'll always lose.
- **Trains can't stop as quickly as you can.** It takes 600 ft. (that's two football fields!) for a train to stop.
- **Trains cannot swerve out of the way of pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles.** It's your responsibility to stay out of the way of the light rail and streetcar.
- **Cross tracks straight on when riding a bicycle.** Cyclist must obey all traffic laws when at grade crossings.
- **Report all suspicious packages, activities, and/or individuals on a train, at a station, or on the tracks.**

CROSSING LEFT ACROSS THE TRACKS

- **Be sure to stop at the solid white line.** Stopping behind the line will ensure there is enough space for the crossing gate to come down and not hit your vehicle.
- **Watch for the red flashing lights and train warning signs.** Flashing lights should always be treated like a stop sign and provide warning of an incoming train.
- **Don't try to speed through the intersection** or you may get stuck in between the lowered gates across the intersection. These gates ensure that all traffic from all sides of the intersection remains off the tracks.
- **Never drive around lowered crossing gates.** It is illegal and dangerous. Even if you can't see the rail vehicle, that doesn't mean it isn't coming.
- **Do NOT proceed through the intersection until the gate arms are in their upright positions and the red lights have stopped flashing.** If another train is approaching the intersection, the gate arms will come back down in the process of returning to their upright position.

