



RAIL SAFETY TIPS FOR OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

Driving ATVs, snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles is a fun way of getting around—if you do it safely. But off-road vehicles and railway tracks aren't a good combination. Be sure to follow these tips—they could save your life.



USE RAILWAY CROSSINGS

Crossing the tracks at any other place could be deadly! Always use railway crossings and cross the tracks at a 90-degree angle, or as close to it as possible. Remember, trains can come at any time, from either direction. Look for signs along trails warning that you are approaching a railway crossing.



STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN FOR TRAINS

When you come up to a railway crossing, slow down, look both ways and listen for trains. Only go ahead if you are sure it is safe to do so. If a train is coming, or if the railway warning signals are on, stop behind any gates or stop lines or no closer than 5 metres from the closest rail and wait for the train to pass. Cross only after the warning signals have stopped and you are sure that no other trains are coming, from either direction, and on any track.



PLAY IT SAFE

Use trails, not railway tracks! Driving beside train tracks and through train tunnels or bridges is dangerous and illegal. Trains are wider than the tracks, which leaves little to no room for you and your vehicle when one comes along.



BE AWARE

Your helmet and the noise from your engine or the wind can make it hard to hear trains coming. In winter, the snow dust from a passing train can make it very difficult to see. So be train-aware and stay safe!



LEAVE YOUR RIDE IF IT STALLS OR GETS STUCK

ATVs and snowmobiles can break down at any time. If your ride gets stuck or stalls on the tracks, get off right away and move to a safe distance (at least 30 metres from the tracks). Contact the railway company and let them know there is a vehicle on the tracks. Railway companies post their emergency numbers and crossing locations on a blue sign under the crossbuck or near the crossing. This information may also be displayed on a nearby signal house. If you don't see a railway emergency number, call 911.

REMEMBER

Take extra care at night and in winter. Snowy or nighttime conditions can make it hard to see trains and railway crossings. Be a role model for future generations by following the rail safety rules.



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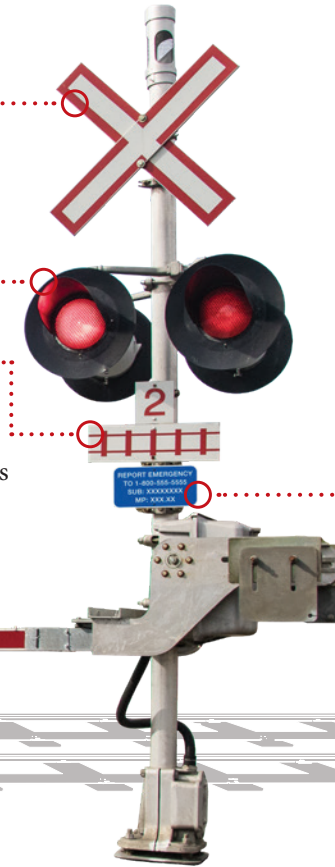
YIELD if a train is approaching. Trains always have the right-of-way.

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

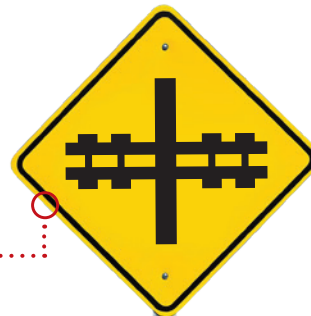
Raised crossing ahead. If you drive anything low to the ground — like a bus, truck, sports car or trailer — you're at risk of getting hung up on the tracks. DO NOT proceed until you know your vehicle will clear the tracks.

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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