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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.*