



RAILROAD SAFETY FACTS

GET TO KNOW YOUR TRAIN & RAILROAD SAFETY

Look, Listen and Live

RAILROAD SAFETY RULES

1. Don't play on or near railroad tracks.
2. Always obey signals and lights.
3. Don't use tracks as a shortcut or path.
4. Only cross at designated pedestrian crossings.
5. Remove headsets when around trains.
6. Talk to your teachers and family about railroad safety.
7. Look, Listen and Live.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Did you know it takes a train more than **1 mile** to stop? That's approximately 18 football fields.
- Did you know in the second it takes you to go to the next song on your play list, a Metra train has already traveled **115 ft.**?
- Did you know a Metra train weighs **5 times** more than all the players in the NFL combined?
- Did you know drivers and pedestrians should always stop at least **15 ft.** away from train gates or tracks?
- Did you know that trains, especially commuter trains, can move in **either** direction at any time? Trains are sometimes pushed by locomotives instead of being pulled. That means you should always expect a train and look and listen at all times.
- Always look before you cross. Did you know that other noises can muffle the sound of an approaching train?
- Did you know that walking on or along railroad tracks or crossing at anything other than a designated crossing is considered **trespassing**? Be smart, cross only at designated rail crossings and intersections.
- Did you know **90 percent** of all rail deaths are caused by trespassing and vehicles crossing in front of a moving train?
- Did you know that the weight ratio of an automobile to a train is proportional to that of a soda can and an automobile?
- Did you know that trains **always** have the right of way? This means you should always look in both directions before crossing the tracks and should never go around the gates.
- Did you know that a train's width may extend three feet or more outside the steel rail, which makes the safety zone for pedestrians well beyond the rails themselves?
- Did you know that there are roughly **200,000 miles** of railroad tracks in the United States? That's enough track to wrap around the equator more than **eight times**.