



BE SAFE BY STAYING SAFE

Driving Tips

FOR TRAVEL AROUND REGIONAL RAIL LINES

DON'T ATTEMPT TO BEAT THE TRAIN

Crossing Gates, Bells & Flashers are There to Protect YOU

Every year, people needlessly die in automobile-train accidents because they ignored the activated, highway-grade crossing protection warnings. Thinking you can get through before the train gets to the crossing not only puts you and your passengers at risk, you are also endangering other vehicles and innocent bystanders

Railroad crossing protection only works if you stay alert for warning devices and use common sense

THE ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU

- Just because there is a rail station next to the crossing **NEVER ASSUME** the train is going to slow down or stop
- Typically trains approaching a highway grade crossing are traveling at their normal speeds because they're **NOT** stopping
- When the gates, bells, and flashers are activated the train has the right of way
- The **Motor Vehicle Code** is clear – if you pass through flashers or gates, you are violating the law and are subject to stiff fines

TIPS TO REMEMBER...

- Here are some excellent tips to remember whenever you are at a railroad crossing:
- **STOP** as soon as possible when you see and hear activated flashers, bells, and gates
- **NEVER, NEVER** stop on a crossing, especially if you're in a line of traffic – even if no trains are in sight
- **NEVER** travel into a crossing until the flashing lights go out completely. There may be a second train coming from the opposite direction that will re-activate the gates
- **NEVER** assume that trains don't run here anymore...they **DO** regardless of what you think
- **RESIST** the urge to try and beat the train to the crossing. There's no such thing as a tie. The train **ALWAYS WINS**

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