



Use **X** *TREME* caution
when crossing

Trains of thought

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Trains may be closer to you than they appear.

Beware of the optical illusion. It is virtually impossible to accurately judge the distance and speed of an approaching train.

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Give trains lots of room, they are wider than you think.

Trains can extend three feet on both sides of the track.

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Remember that a train probably can't stop if you get in its way.

A train traveling at 55 MPH may take as much as a mile and a half to stop after it applies its brakes. If you dart in front of a train, it won't be able to stop in time.

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The force of a train hitting a car is comparable to that of a car running over a soda can.

You are 20 times more likely to die in a car crash with a train as in other motor vehicle crashes.

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More people in this country are killed in highway/pedestrian railway crashes each year than in airplane crashes.

A train/motor vehicle or person collision occurs about every two hours in the U.S. On average, two fatalities occur each day resulting from a vehicle/train collision or a pedestrian/trespassing incident.

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Any time is train time.

Always expect a train at every crossing you encounter. Freight trains don't necessarily follow a set schedule, and passenger train schedules are subject to change.

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Do not cross tracks when crossing gates are down.

If you suspect a signal is malfunctioning, call 911 or the emergency notification number posted on or near the crossing. To identify your location, look for the Department of Transportation number with six digits and a letter.

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Caution: Tracks are for trains!

Tracks are private property, and it's extremely dangerous to walk on or near them. You also could be cited for trespassing if you do. The only safe way to cross railway tracks is to use designated crossings and to obey all signs and signals.

For more safety information, visit Operation Lifesaver at [www.oli.org].

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