



Railroad Safety Checklist

Tips for Families

- ❑ **Only cross train tracks at a designated crossing.** Designated crossings are marked by a sign, lights or a gate.
- ❑ **If lights are flashing or the gate is down at a railroad crossing, wait for the train to pass completely, the gates to lift and the lights to stop flashing before crossing.** It is never okay to rush across and try to beat the train. Trains may be closer and faster than you think.
- ❑ **Allow enough space for your vehicle to completely clear the entire railroad crossing, not just the tracks, before you attempt to cross.** Remember, trains are at least three feet wider than the tracks on either side, so even though you clear the tracks, you may still get hit by the train.
- ❑ **If you are using a cell phone, headphones or playing a game on your mobile phone, remember: Heads Up, Devices Down when you cross the tracks.** Once a train starts to brake, it can take a mile for the train to stop. So, when you see a train, it's already too late for it to stop for you. Headphones should be removed, so you can hear an approaching train.
- ❑ **Don't be tempted to walk along the train tracks.** It might be a shortcut, but it is dangerous and not worth the risk. It is also against the law to walk on the track and the land around it because it is private property.