

# 2015 Rail Safety



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TO HELP KEEP OUR  
COMMUNITIES SAFE

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Rail Safety Education

# HELP SPREAD THE WORD WHAT YOU SAY AND WHAT YOU DO COULD HELP SAVE LIVES!

***"All** year, CN's Security Team works in partnership with Operation Lifesaver, conducting safety initiatives across North America. But we need your help because education about rail crossing safety and the dangers of trespassing is everyone's responsibility. Together, we can save lives. "*

**Stephen Covey**, CN Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer

## OPERATION LIFESAVER

Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit, international public education program first established in 1972 to end collisions, deaths and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad rights-of-way. The program is supported by a wide variety of partners, including federal, state and local government agencies, highway safety organizations, the nation's railroads and their suppliers.



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**Since 1980 the number of highway/  
railroad crossing collisions and  
trespassing incidents has fallen  
dramatically.**

How has it happened? It's largely due to the success of education and information efforts. However, any injury or loss of life as a result of crossing collisions and trespassing on rail property is simply not acceptable.

# 10 EASY TIPS THAT CAN SAVE LIVES

Share them with your family, friends  
and in your community!

**TALK  
ABOUT IT!**

**1. Never walk or play on train tracks.  
It's dangerous and illegal.**

Trains are wider than the tracks they travel on and train tunnels and bridges are just wide enough for trains. There'll be nowhere to run if a train uses that tunnel or bridge.

**2. Never play or stay near a stopped train.**

Even a stopped train can move at any time with no warning. If you're on one or near one when it moves, you could be seriously injured or killed.

**3. Cross train tracks at designated highway/railroad crossings.**

Drivers, bikers and pedestrians often misjudge the speeds of trains and assume trains slow down at highway/railroad crossings. They don't.

**4. Look for signals and respect them.**

Trains don't always follow the same schedule. Look for the crossbuck sign, lights or gates at crossings and never attempt to drive, bike or walk under a gate as it is closing, or around a closed gate.

**5. Be prepared to stop at crossings.**

Trains CAN'T stop quickly. They travel between 100-160 km/h (60-100 mph). The average train needs at least 2 km (1.25 miles) to stop. So, don't take a chance as a train won't be able to stop if you are in the way.

**6. Cross the tracks in low gear; do not change gears while crossing.**

If you change gear while crossing, your vehicle may stall, leaving you on the tracks. Stay

in low gear  
as you cross

and remember that

sometimes train tracks are above or below the pavement, so take it slowly to be safe.

**7. Stalled vehicle? Get out quickly and move away from the vehicle and tracks.**

Picture this: a train hitting a car is like a car hitting a pop can! If your vehicle stalls on the tracks, get out quickly and move away from the vehicle and tracks, in the direction the train is approaching from to avoid being hit by debris, because your vehicle will be swept forward by the momentum of the train.

**8. Listen for warning bells and whistles when approaching a crossing.**

Warning bells and whistles are important indicators that a train is coming. Turn off or down distracting radios, fans or heaters in the car. Ask kids to be quiet until the crossing is safely crossed. Opening the window helps you hear.

**9. Remember a train can hide another.**

Wait for the train to pass through the crossing and then wait again, to be sure that a second train is not approaching on another track in the same or opposite direction.

**10. Keep the CN Police number handy.**

Together we can help save lives! If you witness any unsafe situation near the railroad, please call:

**1-800-465-9239**

# JOIN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT RAIL CROSSING SAFETY

**WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO START A  
DIALOGUE ABOUT RAIL CROSSING SAFETY  
AND THE DANGERS OF TRESPASSING.**

- Share the safety tips and facts included here with your family and friends.
- Act as a role model for your children, grandchildren and all of your family and friends.
- Remember that most of these safety rules and tips apply in any situation – driving a car, riding a bike or walking.



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