

SEE TRAIN TRACKS AHEAD? KNOW WHAT TO DO.

Did you know a child dies every five days from being struck by a train? Teens ages 15 to 19 are at greatest risk of injury or death (safekids.org). These collisions are preventable. Use these guidelines to keep yourself and others safe when driving, walking, biking, or rolling near rail crossings.

Do



When walking, biking, rolling, or driving, only cross train tracks at designated crossings.



If lights are flashing or the gate is down at a railroad crossing, wait for the train to pass completely. Cross the tracks only after the gates lift and the lights stop flashing.



Only cross if you have enough space for your vehicle to clear the entire railroad crossing, not just the tracks.



When approaching a crossing, remember school buses stop at all railroad crossings and vehicles should remain at least 100 feet behind a school bus.

Don't



Don't cross railroad tracks while distracted by a cell phone, headphones, or other items that may take your attention. Instead, put distractions aside, remove headphones, and look both ways before crossing.



Don't walk, ride your bike, scooter or skateboard on or alongside train tracks. It might be a shortcut, but it is dangerous and illegal.¹



Never stop your car on the tracks. Not only is it extremely dangerous, but it is also illegal.

KNOW THE RULES.

Obey the law and follow the rules when walking, biking, rolling, or driving near or across railroad tracks for everyone's safety.



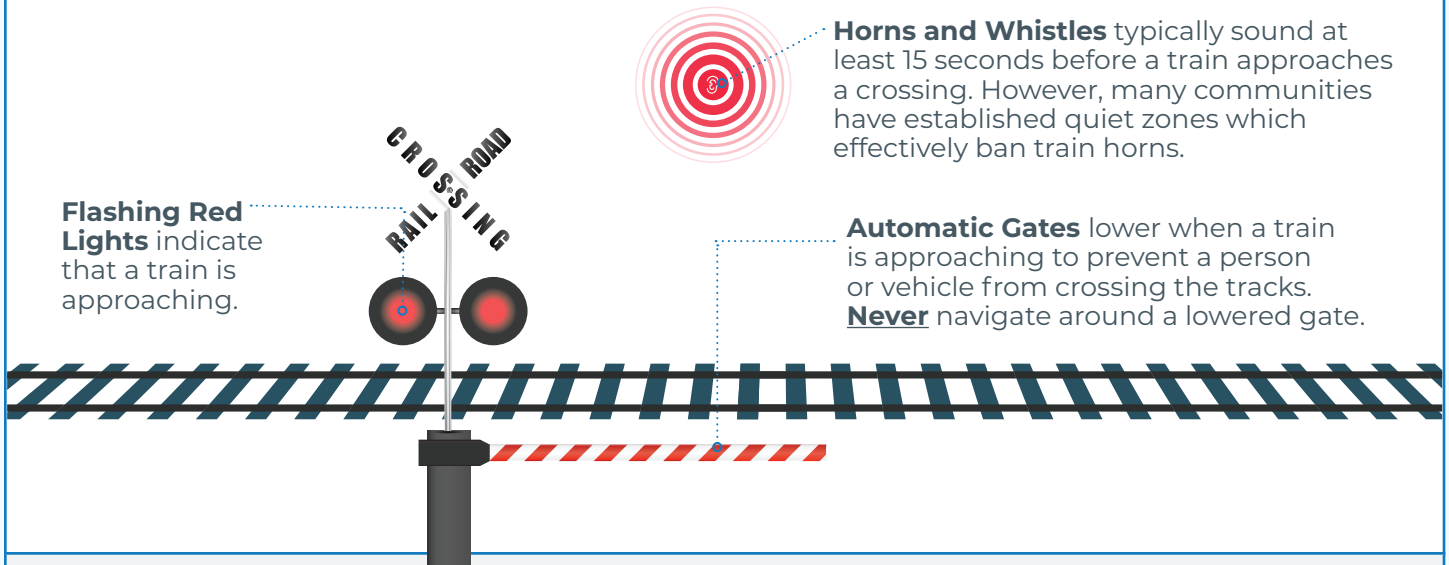
¹ SECTION 218 of Massachusetts law states that: Those found standing, walking or riding vehicle on railroad property shall be fined \$100 or shall be required to perform a total of 50 hours of community service.

WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS?

Rail crossings have warning signs and control devices to alert drivers and pedestrians to trains. Like stop signs or traffic signals, they tell you when to stop or proceed.

ACTIVE CROSSINGS

Active crossings have warning systems that alert you when a train is approaching.



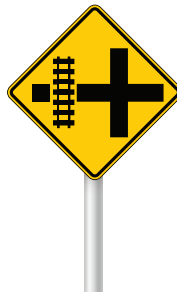
PASSIVE CROSSINGS

Passive crossings do not alert you when a train is approaching. Instead, they have railroad crossing signs that warn you to check for an oncoming train.

Before deciding to stop or proceed at this type of crossing, people or vehicles should:

- 1 Recognize the crossing
- 2 Listen out for approaching trains and rail activity
- 3 Look in both directions for oncoming trains

Advanced Warning Signs alert drivers of railroad tracks ahead.



Crossbuck Signs are advanced warnings that indicate nearby rail crossings.



BE ALERT AND USE CAUTION AT CROSSINGS



Always act as though a train could be coming at any second, even if a train has just passed.

If you notice any person or object on the tracks, call 911 or the number listed at the crossing to report it.

Take extra caution when crossing tracks on a bike, wheelchair, or with a stroller. Avoid rolling or riding across the tracks if possible.