



Rail Crossing Safety

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It's no place for risky business

Every 3 hours, a person is hit by a train in the U.S.

What is your life worth? A 1 minute wait? 2 minutes? 10 minutes? A train traveling at 55 mph takes 1 mile to stop; that's 3 times across the Bridge of the Gods, 15 football fields or 9 times the Space Needle. Trains can't stop but you can.

Impatience and risky behavior are the top factors in railroad crossing crashes. Going around gates, stopping on tracks, standing too close to tracks are risky and can result in being hit by the train. Distractions like listening to headphones and texting impair your ability to see and hear a train approaching. Trains are difficult to judge and may be closer than they seem. Be safe:

- **Stand back** at a safe distance where you are directed.
- **Wait behind the stop bar**; any closer could put you in danger.
- **Never stop on tracks**, wait for traffic ahead to clear before proceeding across tracks.
- **Only proceed once gates, lights or bells are deactivated and you receive the green light or walk signal.**

Trains take only minutes to clear a crossing but impatience could cost your life. Do your part to get home safely. You're worth the wait.