

## Types of rail level crossings

### Crossing sign with give way sign

- Slow down, look and listen for a train and be prepared to stop if necessary.
- If there is a train STOP at the white line and wait for the train to pass.
- Once the train has passed look and listen for a train again, as there may be others, before proceeding with caution.



### Crossing sign with stop sign

- Stop completely at the white line.
- Look and listen for trains.
- Proceed with caution.



### Crossing signs with flashing lights and warning bells

- Stop at the white line when flashing lights and bells are operating.
- Wait for train to pass and light and bells cease operating.
- Proceed with caution.



### Crossing signs with flashing lights, boom gates and warning bells

- Stop at the white line when flashing lights and bells are operating and the boom gate is lowered.
- Wait for the boom gate to lift and light and bells cease operating.
- Proceed with caution.



# Rail level crossing safety



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# STOP OR GET STOPPED IN YOUR TRACKS



## Crossing at a rail level crossing?

### STOP

Always obey all signs, traffic signals, boom gates and line markings. Be prepared to STOP or GIVEWAY at all times – Never assume a train is not coming.

### LOOK

Once a train has passed always check both directions to see if another one is coming before crossing. If traffic ahead is stopped stay behind the STOP line until you are sure there is enough room for your vehicle to get all the way across safely.

### LISTEN

You may not always hear a train coming so never assume that a train is a long way off.

### CROSS

Once you are confident there are no trains approaching and you think it is safe to cross, proceed with caution.

## Don't assume

Trains can come in any direction, at any time and there can be multiple trains on tracks so never assume that:

- Because you have crossed plenty of times before with no train in sight that there won't be a train this time.
- Because you're running late and in a hurry it is safe to cross this time without stopping.
- Another train won't come after a train has passed.
- It is no big deal to cross at a rail level crossing.

It takes a train one kilometre to stop so don't let an assumption cost you your life!

## What do I do if my vehicle is stuck on the track?

If for any reason you become stopped on a track evacuate your vehicle and call 000. A train may not come but its not worth the risk to stay in your vehicle.

## Heavy vehicles and buses – know your limits

### Stopping and accelerating

It takes heavy vehicles and buses longer to clear a crossing than other vehicles so make sure you allow extra time to clear the tracks safely.

### Length

There may not be enough room on the other side of the crossing to stop without hanging over the tracks. Know the length of your vehicle and always check ahead before crossing so you can judge if you will clear the tracks. Never cross unless you can cross the track completely.

## Bicycles, motorised scooters, wheel chairs & prams – don't get trapped

At all crossings there is a gap for train wheels. Your wheels can get caught in this gap and prevent you crossing safely. To ensure you don't get trapped:

- Follow the instructions at the crossing.
- Cross with your wheels at right angles to the track.
- Don't hurry – take your time to line up your wheels as it will make crossing the gap easier.

## Pedestrians

When approaching a rail level crossing:

- Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before you CROSS.
- When available, use the path or marked crossing provided.
- You may encounter pedestrian gates, mazes or lights – stop when the lights are flashing or the gates are lowered or closed.

Stopping at a crossing may take a few minutes of your time but not stopping may take your life.