

WHO IS CANADIAN SAFETY TRAIN?

Canadian Safety Train Express (CSTE) specializes in delivering engaging, hands-on railway safety education to high-priority audiences across Western Canada. Our programs focus on youth and teenagers, young adults, and professional drivers. Through interactive presentations, real-world scenarios, and community-based outreach, we raise awareness about the dangers of railways and promote safe behaviors. By focusing on those most at risk, CSTE works to reduce preventable incidents and foster a stronger culture of railway safety in communities across the country.



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RAILWAY SAFETY TIPS

FOR DRIVERS

Whether you're behind the wheel of a big rig, city bus or your own car, safety is the top priority. Understanding and following rail safety rules is key to making sure every trip goes smoothly. These quick tips can help protect you, your cargo, and your passengers—because a few simple precautions can make all the difference.



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RAIL SAFETY TIPS



BE PREPARED TO STOP AT ALL RAILWAY CROSSINGS

Always approach railway crossings with caution, even if you don't see a train. Slow down, look both ways, and be ready to stop. Never assume the track is clear. A fully loaded truck takes longer to stop, so it's critical to stay alert and avoid distractions. If a train is on the way, come to a complete stop at the designated stop line—or no closer than 5 metres (16 feet) from the nearest rail. Remain stopped until the train has passed completely and it's safe to proceed.



KNOW YOUR VEHICLE'S LENGTH

Before crossing railway tracks, make sure there's enough space on the other side for your entire vehicle to clear the tracks safely—including any overhang. Know your vehicle's length and assess the available space beyond the crossing. Remember, trains are wider than the tracks—your vehicle must be at least 5 metres (16 feet) away from the nearest rail once you've crossed. If there isn't enough room, don't take the risk. Never commit to crossing unless you're certain you can clear it completely.



LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE IF IT STALLS OR GETS STUCK

If your vehicle stalls or becomes stuck on railway tracks, evacuate immediately. Get everyone out and move at least 30 metres (100 feet) away from the tracks, in the direction the train is travelling, but at a 45-degree angle away from the tracks, to avoid being hit by debris. Once you're a safety distance away, contact the railway company's emergency number (if posted) or 911 to report the situation. The railway's emergency number is usually posted on the back of the crossbuck or on the signal box.



OBEY ALL POLICE OR FLAG PEOPLE

If a police officer or railway flagger is present at the crossing, always follow their instructions. However, your safety is ultimately your responsibility—before crossing, stop, look carefully in both directions, and listen for any approaching trains.



HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF THE TRACKS

Never cross a railway until you're sure it's safe. Only proceed when you have a clear, unobstructed view of the tracks and are confident no trains are approaching from either direction—this is especially important at crossings without flashing lights, bells, or gates. Even when warning signals are present, always look and listen both ways before crossing. Use a low gear and avoid shifting while on the tracks to prevent stalling.

REMEMBER :

- If the railway crossing lights begin flashing and the gates start to lower after you've already started crossing, do not stop. It's much safer to keep going and clear the tracks than to try reversing.
- At crossings with multiple tracks, stop only before the first set. Once you're absolutely sure no trains are coming from either direction, proceed through the crossing and continue until you've safely cleared all the tracks.
- If you notice any hazardous conditions at a railway crossing, report them immediately to the railway company—or call 911 if there's an immediate danger to public safety.