

CANADIAN SAFETY TRAIN EXPRESS

KEY INSIGHTS

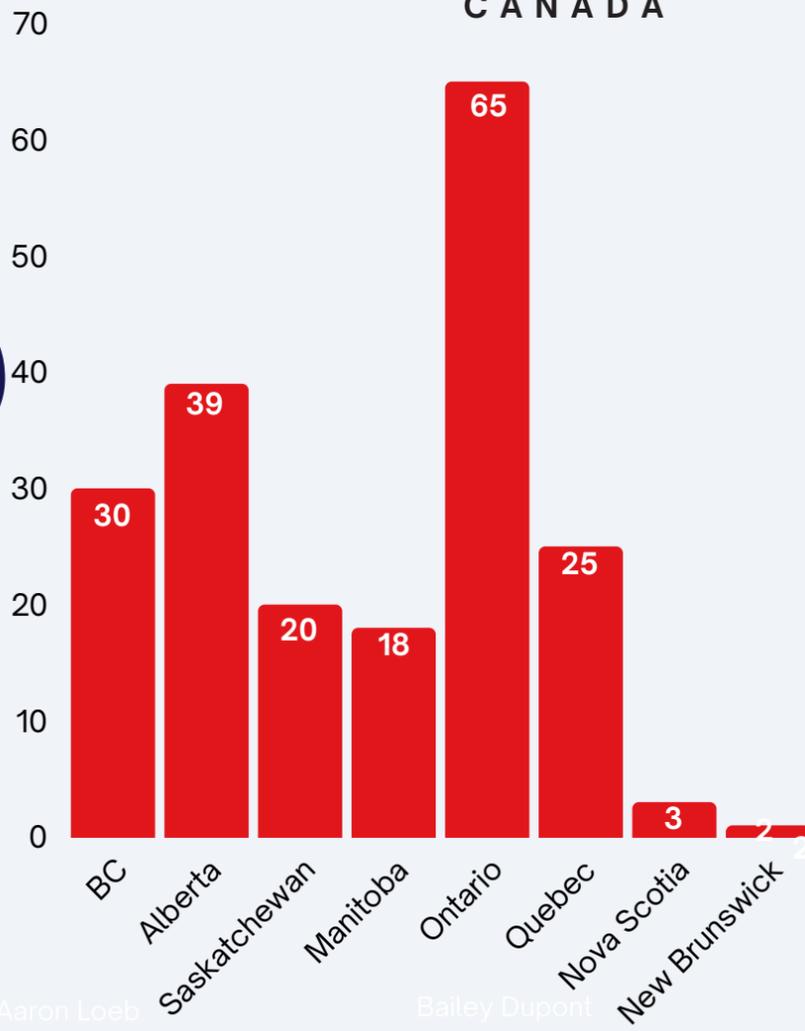
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Current railway crossing and trespassing incidents trends and statistics throughout Canada

206 total incidents in the January 1-September 30, 2024.

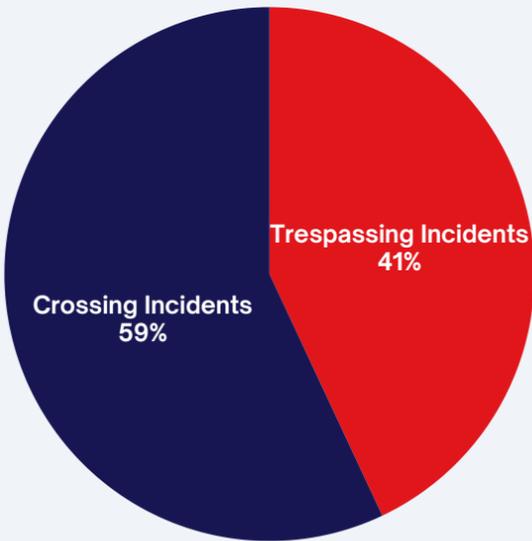
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ONTARIO CONTINUES TO HAVE THE HIGHEST INCIDENT RATE IN CANADA



Aaron Loeb
Manager

Bailey Dupont
Staff



68

Total fatalities in 2024

HOT SPOT CITIES

City	# of Incidents
WINNIPEG	7
HAMILTON	6
EDMONTON	4
CALGARY	4
SASKATOON	4
MONTREAL	4
LANGLEY	4

WEDNESDAY

is the day when most incidents occur. 18% of incidents happen on a Wednesday.

APRIL ACCOUNTS FOR NEARLY 15% OF THE CROSSING AND TRESPASSING INCIDENTS IN 2024.

Overall Monthly Incidents								
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
24	19	20	30	21	22	24	19	23
11.88%	9.41%	9.9%	14.85%	10.40%	10.89%	11.88%	9.41%	11.38%

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Harvesting Safety: Essential Rail Safety Tips for Farmers

As harvest season is in full swing and farmers work tirelessly in the fields, October serves as a crucial time to focus on rail safety. With heavy equipment, increased field traffic, and the rush to move produce, staying safe around railroads should be top-of-mind. Here are some key rail safety tips tailored specifically for the farming community:

1. Be Cautious When Moving Equipment

Farm machinery like tractors and combines are large and often slow-moving. Always approach railroad crossings carefully and ensure that your equipment has enough clearance and space to cross safely. If you're unsure whether your vehicle will fit, it's better to find an alternate route.

2. Understand the Overhang and Clearance

Remember that trains are wider than the rails. Trains can overhang tracks by at least three feet on either side, so make sure your equipment is not left too close to the tracks when parked or staged. Give yourself at least 15 feet of space from the outer rail to avoid any potential contact.

3. Take Extra Precautions During Harvest

During busy harvest periods, there's an increase in farm traffic, particularly near rural crossings. Slow down when approaching a crossing and look both ways—even if you don't hear a train. The noise from farming machinery can drown out the sound of an approaching train.

4. Ensure All Farmhands Know Rail Safety Rules

Make sure that everyone working on your farm understands the importance of rail safety. Conduct safety briefings to remind them of best practices, such as not parking equipment on or too close to tracks and always using designated crossings.

5. Plan Routes Carefully

Plan your routes to minimize the number of rail crossings. If you must cross tracks frequently during the season, choose crossings with better visibility and warning signals whenever possible. Avoid crossings that have limited sightlines due to tall crops, equipment, or structures.

6. Watch for Multiple Tracks and Signals

Some rural crossings have more than one set of tracks. After a train passes, be sure to look again for any oncoming trains from either direction before crossing. Obey all flashing lights and lowered gates—never rush through, even if you're in a hurry.

This October, as farmers focus on the harvest, it's equally important to stay vigilant and prioritize rail safety. Simple precautions can prevent accidents, protect your valuable equipment, and, most importantly, save lives. Remember to respect the rails and make safety a part of your harvest routine.



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