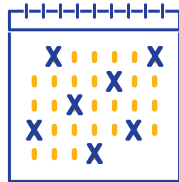


# Kids and Railroad Safety



## The Facts

A child dies every 5 days as a result of being struck by a train. (Ages 0-19)



Teens ages 15-19 are at greatest risk of being injured or killed — nearly 4 times greater than kids ages 10-14, and nearly 6 times greater than kids ages 5-9.



Boys are nearly 3 times as likely as girls to be fatally struck by a train.



More children are getting hurt in the hours immediately following school dismissal and after school activities.

## Despite the Facts

71% of parents were not concerned about their teen being hit by a train.



7 in 10 parents did not recognize “walking on, near, or along train tracks” as trespassing.



Half of parents admit to taking risks around railroads, such as walking along train tracks and driving around gates.



Less than half of parents (47%) have had a conversation with their children about rail safety.



## ReTrain Your Brain

- Only cross train tracks at a designated crossing.
- If lights are flashing or the gate is down at a railroad crossing, wait for the train to pass completely, for the gates to lift and for the lights to stop flashing before crossing the tracks.
- Allow enough space for your vehicle to completely clear the entire railroad crossing, not just the tracks, before you attempt to cross.
- If you are using a cell phone, headphones or a game, remember: Heads Up, Devices Down when you cross the tracks.
- Don't be tempted to walk along the train tracks. It might be a shortcut, but it is dangerous.



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