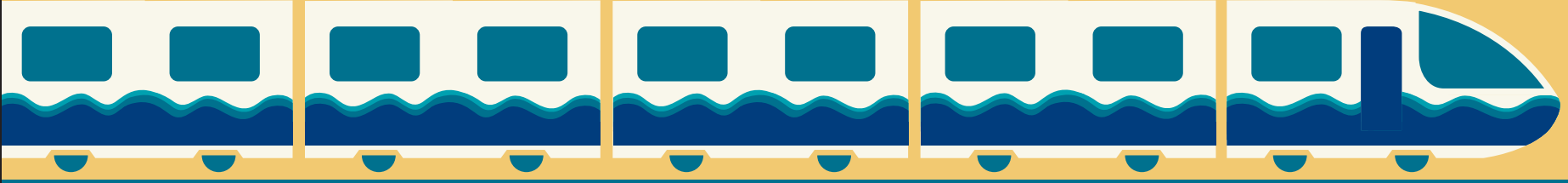


# LINK LIGHT RAIL AND YOU: BE SMART. BE SAFE

Being safe around Link light rail trains is all about being smart. It's easy when you, your family and your friends make smart choices when walking and driving near train tracks.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Light rail trains run on electricity and are very quiet
- Light rail trains travel between 35 and 55 m.p.h.
- For a light rail train traveling at 55 m.p.h., it can take the distance of up to three football fields to stop
- Trespassing on the tracks may result in a \$136 fine



**Tracks are only for trains—never for people.**  
That means you must be extremely careful and stay out of a train's path.



The yellow advance warning sign lets you know that you're getting close to a crossing.

Once at the crossing, you need to follow these signals:

- The crossbuck sign means you are at a crossing
- The flashing lights mean stop — a train is coming
- The crossing gate means wait — don't cross until the gate is completely up

It's not okay to play on the tracks, take shortcuts across the tracks or be distracted near the tracks. Be sure to look both ways and listen before crossing. A train can come from any direction at any time. It's smart to take out your earbuds, keep your head up and be alert.

Being smart is also important when you're waiting on the platform. Trains can overhang the tracks by three feet, so make sure your whole body stays behind the yellow line.

## TEST YOUR TRAIN KNOWLEDGE!

1. What kinds of things might distract you around the tracks?

- Headphones
- Cell phone
- Games
- Playing

2. It takes the distance of \_\_\_\_\_ for a Link light rail train to stop.

- a. One foot
- b. One yard
- c. One football field
- d. Three football fields

3. You can always hear a Link light rail train coming.

- True
- False

4. Trains cannot swerve out of the way if there is something on the tracks.

- True
- False

5. Which of these are dangerous choices near tracks?

- a. Biking
- b. Playing catch
- c. Jogging or walking
- d. All of the above

6. Which of these are smart choices near tracks?

- a. Using headphones
- b. Texting
- c. Talking on a cell phone
- d. None of the above

7. As long as you look both ways, it's okay to take a shortcut across train tracks.

- True
- False

8. If a police officer sees you trespassing on or near the tracks, the ticket will cost:

- a. \$16
- b. \$56
- c. \$24
- d. \$136



**PUT YOUR CELLPHONE AWAY**



**TAKE YOUR EARPHONES OUT**

Obey All Signs,

Look Both Ways,

Use the Crosswalk to Go,

Push the Button and Stay,

Take Your Earphones Out,

Put Your Cellphone Away,

Don't Lean Over the Rails,

Because Tracks Aren't for Play.

## TRACKS ARE FOR TRAINS, NOT PEOPLE.

- I never walk on train tracks or take shortcuts over them
- I never ride my bike on tracks
- I never goof around with friends on tracks
- I only cross tracks at designated crossings
- I always stop when lights are flashing
- I never try to race trains

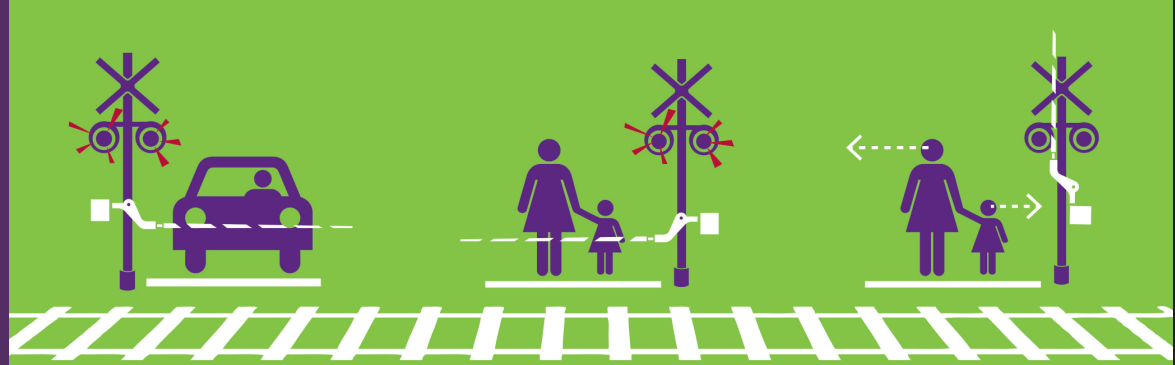


## PAY ATTENTION: SIMPLE THINGS SAVE LIVES

- I remove earphones
- I always look both ways before crossing
- I stay off the phone
- I don't text

Be Smart. Be Safe.

## TRAIN SAFETY



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