

Road Safety

Pedestrian safety around level crossings

Using the pedestrian facilities at a level crossing is the safest way to cross railway tracks. Trains can't stop quickly or swerve. All pedestrians must always cross the tracks at a pedestrian crossing, footbridge or underpass. Crossing the tracks anywhere else is illegal and dangerous. Signs and signals at a level crossing indicate when it's safe to cross the tracks or when you must stop and wait for a train.

Keeping your child safe

Children are still developing the skills that help them to predict or identify dangers and may tend to act impulsively. An adult must always be responsible for your child's safety when out and about.

- Until your child is at least 8 years old, hold their hand on the footpath, in the car park when crossing the road or at any pedestrian crossing. Then, up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing.
- Children need your help to spot dangers. Talk with your child about the sounds and sights of an oncoming train and explain why a pedestrian crossing is the safest place to cross railway tracks at a level crossing.
- Talk to them about why they should **stop, look, listen, think** before crossing.
- Plan, practise and talk with your child about being alert in the road environment, particularly around level crossings.

All pedestrians must:

- Always follow the signs, warnings and signals of a level crossing that indicate a train is coming.
- Only cross when the lights have stopped flashing or the gate has fully opened.
- Always use a pedestrian crossing to cross the tracks where available. Never cross the tracks at a place that isn't a designated crossing or climb over barriers and fences.

Safety on wheels

- Bicycle riders and other riders should dismount and walk across the tracks.
- Wheelchair, mobility aid and stroller users should always cross the tracks at right angles to ensure wheels don't get trapped in the gap.



Key road safety messages to share with your child

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road (until at least 10)
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

STOP!

at the signs or signals. If red lights are flashing, the gate is closing or closed, do not enter the crossing

LOOK!

continuously both ways for trains. Put away mobile phone or device

LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching trains and warning sounds. Always remove headphones

THINK!

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across the tracks