



Tips for Parents

Rail Safety

- Children learn by example. **Be a pedestrian, road and rail safety role model** for your child.
- Teach your family **not to trespass on railway tracks, yards, tunnels and bridges**. Trespassing could lead to a fine of up to \$50,000 and it's the leading cause of railway related fatalities and injuries.
- Show your kids how to **cross safely** - only at **designated crossings**, while **obeying the signals** and using the “**Look, Listen, Live**” motto to stay safe.
- Approximately 50 per cent of vehicle/train collisions happen at crossings with active warning devices (gates, lights, bells). Keep your family safe: **Obey railway signals** and **never try to beat the train**.
- Remind your child to **put away any distracting devices** – including **cell phones, tablets and headphones** – well before they approach a railway area. Trains can be quieter and move faster than they seem.
- Teach your family to **never ride a bicycle over the track**. The wheels can get caught in the track and you could fall off your bicycle. Always walk your bicycle across the tracks when it is safe to cross.
- **Stand five metres (16 feet) back from the rail** with your family. Objects can fall from trains. Stand at least five metres back from the tracks to avoid getting hit by falling objects.
- **Always check for a second train**. If one train passes, make sure a second train isn't following behind or approaching on another track. Wait until the first train has passed and then make sure both tracks are clear before crossing.