

## **Railroad Crossing Safety**

A train hits someone in America every 115 minutes, often with fatal results. According to Operation Lifesaver, a national non-profit organization, nearly 2,000 Americans are killed and injured at highway/rail grade crossings each year.

There are many simple and life-saving practices to help you avoid a confrontation with a train at a railroad crossing.

- Remember that any time is train time.
- Slow down when approaching a railroad crossing and look both ways—TWICE!
- Never race a train to cross the tracks.
- When approaching a crossing, roll down your windows, turn off the radio or air conditioner, and listen for whistles or bells
- Always yield to flashing lights, whistles, closing gates, crossbucks or stop signs.
- Teach children that the railroad is never a place to play, walk, run, bike ride, or use as a short cut. Don't fish from railroad bridges either.
- Always cross the tracks at the designated railroad crossing or pedestrian crossing.
- Don't be fooled by the optical illusion presented by the train. It is always moving faster and is much closer than you think.

Remember to look, listen and live. Stopping may add 30 seconds to your journey while not stopping could put an end to it completely. ANY TIME IS TRAIN TIME! Remember to practice safety. Don't learn it by accident.