



SMART SAFETY FACT SHEET

Think safety first. Be alert and aware around all railroad crossings and near the tracks. Rail safety is for everyone: pedestrians, drivers and bicyclists. We all have a role to play in encouraging safe behavior near all trains and tracks. Please remember these key safety tips that apply to all of us.

- Always expect a train.
- Stay alert around trains and tracks:
Stop, look both ways and listen for a train.
- Only cross the tracks at a designated railroad crossing.
- Wait for the bells and lights to stop, and wait for the gate to rise before crossing.

MOTORISTS

- Never stop your car on the railroad tracks.
- Approach all crossings carefully, and be prepared to stop 15 feet behind the crossing gates when the crossing signals are activated.
- Never cross the tracks until you are sure you can drive across the tracks safely.
- Never try to beat a train through a railroad crossing.
- If you are trapped by traffic on the tracks and the warning gates are activated by an oncoming train, drive through the safety gates. They are designed to be driven through in an emergency.

PEDESTRIANS

- Stay alert: Don't be distracted by cell phones or headphones.
- Walking on railroad tracks is not safe—and it is illegal.

BICYCLISTS

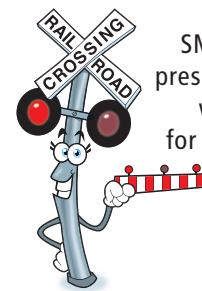
- Bicycle wheels can get caught between the rail and roadway: Cross at a 90-degree angle. If that is not possible, walk, don't ride, across the tracks.
- Riding your bicycle adjacent to the railroad tracks is unsafe and illegal.



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

In the event of a railroad emergency or if the railroad crossing gates are not working properly, please contact SMART's Rail Operation Center at **1-888-412-3330**

OPERATION LIFESAVER



SMART provides rail safety presentations, in partnership with Operation Lifesaver, for students in kindergarten through grade 12. For more information call **(707) 794-3077**

STAY INFORMED

For more safety tips visit SMART's rail safety website at www.BeTrackSmart.org.

MANTENGASE INFORMADO

Para obtener más consejos de seguridad, visite el sitio web de seguridad de SMART, www.BeTrackSmart.org.