

EVERY CROSSING, EVERY TIME.

GUIDED NOTES FOR TRUCK DRIVERS

Facilitator contact information: _____

VIDEO 1: KNOW THE FACTS

Fast facts to know:

#1

Every _____, a person or vehicle is hit by a train.



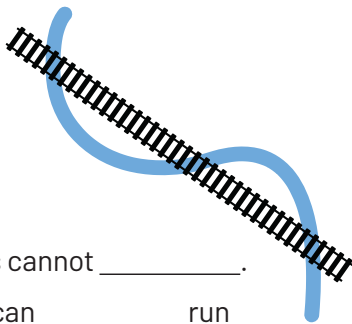
#2

Trains can't stop quickly. It can take a train a _____ or more to come to a full and complete stop.



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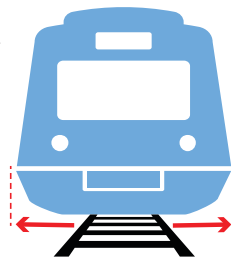
Trains cannot _____.
They can _____ run on tracks.



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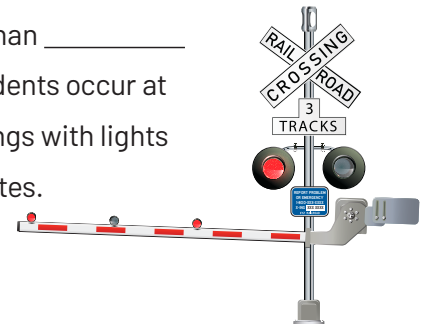
Trains

_____ tracks.



#5

More than _____ of incidents occur at crossings with lights and gates.



VIDEO 2: READ THE ROAD



Advance warning sign:

You're _____
a railroad crossing.



Pavement markings:

There is a crossing is ahead. Stop
at least _____ feet
from the nearest rail.



Crossbuck sign:

Yield to a train;
trains _____
have the right-of-way.



Emergency Notification System

sign: This Blue and White sign directly
reaches the _____ if you
are stuck, stalled or see an emergency
on the tracks.

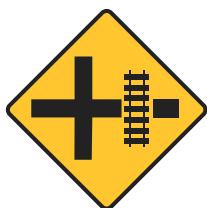


Multiple Tracks sign: There are
more than one set of tracks at this
crossing. The _____
on the sign tells you how many
tracks.



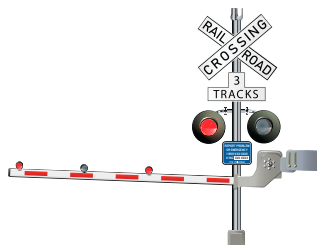
Low Ground Clearance sign:

This marks a crossing where
_____ vehicles may
get hung up.



Road Parallels Track sign:

There is a _____
after a turn.



Flashing Lights and Gates:

A train is approaching. Trains
always have the right-of-way.
_____ try to go
around the gates.



Know the length of your vehicle.

These Storage Space signs will
indicate how many feet are present
between train tracks and highway.
If you _____ fit,
don't commit.

VIDEO 3: THE ENS SIGN: IT CAN SAVE A LIFE

How to use the ENS sign:

1 Look for the blue and white sign.

2 Call the phone number listed.

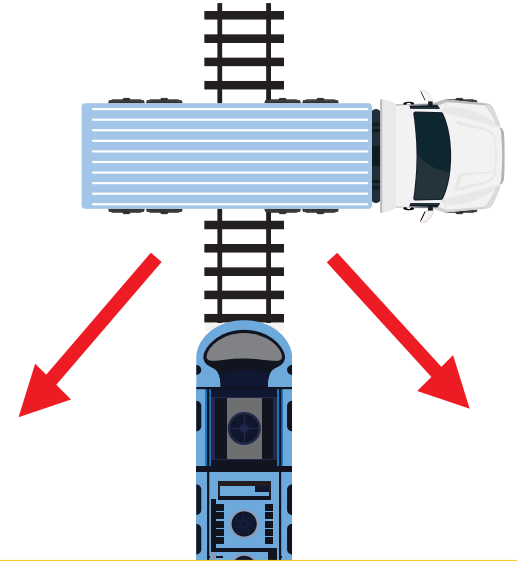
3 Give the Crossing ID Number. This number is unique at every crossing.

4 Can't find the ENS sign? Call 911!

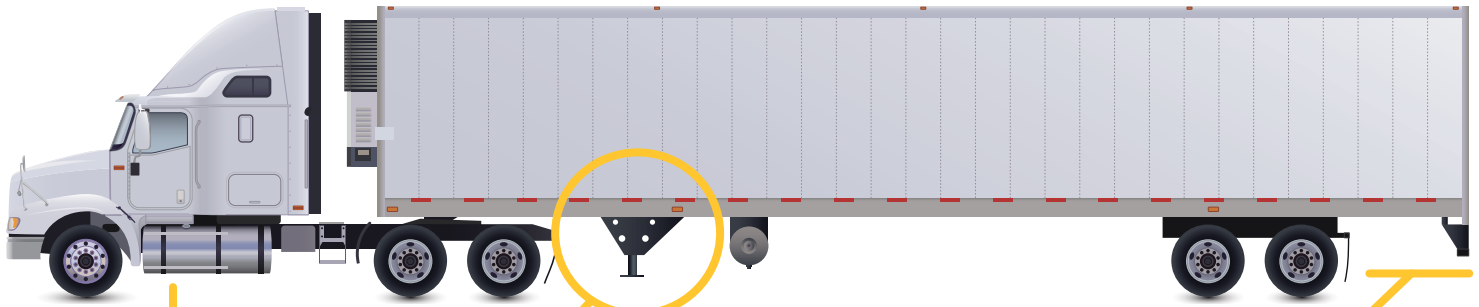


Reasons I can use the ENS sign:

If I see a train, the priority is **evacuation**. After getting everyone out, I will run toward the train but away from the track at a 45-degree angle to avoid debris.



VIDEO 4: KNOW YOUR RIG



Be aware of your speed in inclement weather. It will take longer to stop.

Don't forget to **make sure your landing gear is fully retracted.** If you cross tracks empty and come back reloaded, be mindful that your truck will sit lower.

Know your overhang. A typical semi-truck is 80-feet long, and depending on the road, can be longer.

Know your distractions. What are some distractions?

What are some ways I can check to see if my vehicle will fit?

VIDEO 5: LOOK AND LISTEN

Follow these steps at every crossing, every time.



Advance Warning sign: Slow down! This sign lets you know you are _____ a crossing.



Create a quiet cockpit. Some ways I can create a quiet cockpit:



Come to a full and complete stop no closer than _____ feet and no further back than _____ feet from the crossing.



Look and lean: look _____, then _____ and _____ again.



Proceed! Remember that trains overhang tracks. Any equipment that is on or near the tracks could be hit.

I will not _____, _____ or stop on tracks.



VIDEO 6: SPECIAL PROCEDURES

CONSIDER:

Check to see where along your route you may come to a railroad crossing.

You can use the **Rail Crossing Locator App** to help you learn more about the crossings along your route.



Apple App Store



Google Play Store

Or online at:

www.fra.dot.gov/railcrossinglocator



CONSIDER: You pull up to a crossing and see that there is no flagger or uniformed officer present. You see that the lights are flashing and the gate is down. You wait, but no train is approaching. You look left, then right and left again, but still see no train. **What should you do?**

*If there is **a flagger or uniformed law officer**, be sure to follow their directions.*

IF YOU'RE DRIVING AN OVERSIZED LOAD

OR HAZMAT MATERIALS:

- Be sure that the extended length of your load will fully clear tracks **before** deciding to go. If you don't fit, don't commit!
- Make sure you can see fully down the track before making the decision to go. Look and lean!
- Trucks and trailers hauling hazardous materials and even empty tankers used to haul hazardous materials are required to stop at all railroad crossings. Check with your company or supervisor for more information.



Things I want to remember:

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