

Not Worth the Risk Trespass Prevention Video Facilitation Guide

for Operation Lifesaver Authorized Volunteers

Audience:	General Adult Audience	Featuring the Videos:
Materials:	Videos Tape Measure	<i>No Selfie is Worth the Risk</i> <i>No Photo is Worth the Risk</i> <i>No Video is Worth the Risk</i> <i>Mark Kalina Tells His Story</i>
Preparation:	Download all four videos. Be prepared to watch the three in the “Worth the Risk” series in immediate succession.	

Key Messages

- Walking on or near train tracks, or anywhere in a train yard is trespassing. It is illegal and dangerous.
- Trespassing around trains or tracks can result in injury or death.
- No shortcut, selfie, cool photo or video is worth the risk.

Introduction

Personal Connection: Crossing the Room

Ask participants to all stand on one side of the room. *I am going to ask you a few “yes” or “no” questions. If I ask a question to which your answer is “yes”, cross the room. If your answer is “no”, stay where you are. A few notes: You can cross the room in any way you like. Walking certainly works, but you might enjoy crossing with flair. Or not. Also, this is going to move pretty quickly. Ready?*

- *Have you ever walked on, along or near a train track?*
- *Have you ever crossed a track at a location that wasn't a designated crossing?*
- *Have you ever used a train track as a setting for a photo or video?*
- *Has anyone ever asked you to be in a photo or video on or close to a train or track?*
- *Have you ever seen or received a selfie from a friend taken on train tracks?*

As you ask each question, notice which questions prompt more movement—implying a positive response—than others. Once finished, transition back to seats to watch the “Not Worth the Risk” videos:

Ok, everyone back to your seats. We're going to watch 3 short videos. I'm sure you'll notice a theme. Afterward, we'll talk about what we've seen.

Watch Videos

No Selfie is Worth the Risk

No Video is Worth the Risk

No Photo is Worth the Risk

Reflection: Facilitate a brief discussion. *Why do you think people would take risks like these?* As you explore the participants' various ideas, make sure the following is expressed:

- People don't realize that what they're doing is dangerous

- People don't realize that being on or too close to tracks is trespassing

Many people get too close to train tracks, not realizing how dangerous it is, or not realizing that they are trespassing on private property—which is illegal.

What Distance Is Safe?

So, what distance between you and a train track is safe?

(Option A—2 min): Hand the end of your tape measure to someone in the front row, and walk to extend the measure 15 feet. *Fifteen feet is the minimum distance you should have between yourself and a train track in order to be safe.*

(Option B—5 min): Call on someone to assist you: *Could I have a volunteer to be in charge of a tape measure? If were a train track, how far away do you think you would need to be from me to be both safe and legal?* Call on someone to stand the distance away from you they believe is safe and legal, and have the person with the tape measure determine the distance between you. You may choose to ask several people to try this. Reveal that the correct answer is **at least 15 feet**. Measure this distance to demonstrate it. Who was closest to the correct answer?

Transition/Video Intro: *What are the “risks” we’re talking about?* Quick group brainstorm, listing risks. *We’re going to hear about this from a man named Mark Kalina. Mark made a decision to take a shortcut. In the interest of time, he took a risk that changed his life. Let’s hear his story in his own words:*

Watch Video

Mark Kalina Tells His Story

Reflection: *Thoughts? Was anyone surprised by anything from this video?*

Conclusion

What are the things you love about your life? Who are the people you cherish? What are you looking forward to accomplishing? Hold these in your mind for a moment. No shortcut, photo, video, selfie—or any other reason you might choose to get within the 15 foot safe zone of a train and tracks—is worth the risk of giving any of these up.