

RAIL SAFETY Tips for Hunters & Fishermen

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Railroad tracks and trestles are for trains, not for hunting or fishing!

• Railroad tracks are private property. Using railroad property to hunt, fish or operate snowmobiles or ATVs is trespassing!

 Trains overhang the tracks by at least three feet on both sides. If you are next to the tracks, you can still be hit by the train.

 Distractions can be deadly! Don't use cell phones, GPS or text while driving, especially when you're near train tracks!

 Cross tracks only at designated crossings – be alert for a crossbuck, advance warning sign or other warnings that you are approaching a railroad crossing.

 Slow down and prepare to stop at the crossing. If operating an ATV or snowmobile, reduce engine noise by powering down.

• Look both ways and listen carefully. Look again before you move. Trains are quieter and faster than you think.

Learn More about Rail Safety. www.nebraskaol.org

WHAT TO DO IF Your Vehicle Stalls or Hangs Up on the Tracks.

1. GET OUT IMMEDIATELY.

Evacuate your vehicle. (Trains traveling at 60 mph may take a mile or more to stop.)

2. MOVE AWAY

Walk in the direction of the oncoming train, but away from the tracks at a 45-degree angle. (If your vehicle is hit, debris will spread out from the tracks in the same direction the train is moving.)

3. LOCATE THE EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER.

When you are safely away from the tracks, find the railroad's emergency phone number and the DOT crossing identification number posted near the crossing. (See sample locations below.)

Railroad Identification, Emergency Phone Numbers, and DOT Number Locations.



4. CALL FOR HELP!

Call the railroad's emergency phone number, the local police, or 911. Tell them a vehicle is on the tracks. Provide the location, crossing number (if posted), and the name of the road or highway.

Railroads' Emergency Phone Numbers Amtrak: 1-800-331-0008 BNSF Railway: 1-800-832-5452 CSX: 1-800-232-0144 Canadian National: 1-800-465-9239 Canadian Pacific: 1-800-716-9132 Kansas City Southern: 1-877-527-9464 or 1-800-892-6295 Norfolk Southern: 1-800-453-2530 Union Pacific: 1-888-877-7267 Call the local police or 911 if you cannot locate the railroad emergency phone number at the site.