

# *Time to Wait* Video Facilitation Guide

for Operation Lifesaver Authorized Volunteers

Audience: General Adult Audience	Featuring the Videos: <i>Time to Wait</i> <i>What To Do At a Crossing</i>
Materials: Videos, Chart Paper	
Preparation: Download and watch videos in advance	

## Key Messages

- Never try to beat a train through a crossing or lowering gates
- Wait for gates to fully open before driving through a crossing
- A collision between a train and a car can be devastating to the car and those inside it

## Introduction

*I want you to imagine the following: You are driving to something that is very important, and you're not sure if you're going to make it there on time. You're in a hurry. You don't have any time to spare.*

- *Where are you going? What is the very-important thing that has you rushing and worrying about being late?*
- *What are you doing to make sure you arrive at your destination on time?*

Ask for a few volunteers to share where they are going/why they are in a hurry and what measures they are taking to arrive on-time. Then continue on with the scenario:

*Now, imagine that you are approaching a train crossing. It's clear a train is approaching as well. How can you tell when a train is approaching a crossing?*

As participants make suggestions, write them down on the chart. Possible prompt: *What other signals let us know a train is approaching a crossing?* The final list should contain the following: (see train, hear train, see signs/signals, flashing lights, bells, gates)

*People who find themselves in a situation like this—in a hurry, worried about being late, and faced with the prospect of waiting for an unknown length of time for a train to pass—will sometimes try to beat a train through the intersection. Let's watch a short video about this.*

## Watch Video

### *Time to Wait*

**Reflection:** When the video is finished, engage the group in a discussion, using the following prompts:

- *Why was the narrator of this video in a hurry?*
- *What choice did the narrator in this video make to save time? Have you, or anyone you know, ever made a similar choice?*
- *Can a car really beat a train through an intersection? Why do some drivers (mistakenly) believe this is possible?*

- Answers:
  - Trains can appear to be moving far more slowly than they actually are
  - Trains cannot stop quickly. By the time an engineer can see a car on the track in front of them, it is too late to stop to avoid a collision.

### **What are the consequences of a vehicle/train collision?**

Reflect as a groups on the possible consequences of trying to beat a train. Include consequences affecting a variety of people, including the person driving, any passengers in the car, family members of those in the car, members of the larger community, the engineer driving the train, emergency responders, etc.

*Now, let's look at how to be safe at a railroad crossing.*

## **Watch Video**

### ***What To Do At a Crossing***

**Reflection:** *Once a train has passed by you, why is it important to wait for light and bell signals to stop **and** gates to fully raise **and** look both ways before crossing the tracks?*

## **Conclusion**

*Think back to the very important thing you imagined you were in a hurry to get to. Think about coming to that railroad crossing. This time, imagine yourself waiting for the train to pass, and knowing that the wait is absolutely worth it—you have all the time in the world.*