

# STEPS TO SAFELY CROSS RAILROAD TRACKS

FOR TRUCKERS AND  
PROFESSIONAL  
DRIVERS

## 1. Approach with care.

Warn others that you are slowing down. Turn on 4-way flashers. Use pull-out lane if available.

## 2. Prepare to stop. Eliminate distractions.

Turn off fans and radio and roll down windows.

**Stop** at least 15 feet, but not more than 50 feet from nearest rail.

## 3. Look carefully in both directions for approaching trains.

Bend forward to see around mirrors and A-pillars.

## 4. If it won't fit, don't commit.

Trains are wider than the track. Make sure there is enough room on the other side for the back of your vehicle (and any overhanging cargo).

**Do not enter a crossing unless you can drive completely through without stopping! Never stop on the tracks.**

## 5. Look again.

Before you move, look again in both directions.

## 6. Cross tracks with care.

Signal, watch for a safe gap, pull back onto the road if you used a pull-out lane. Use highest gear that will let you cross without shifting.

## 7. Cross without stopping.

Keep going once you start, even if lights start to flash or gates come down.

## 8. Know the law.

Trucks carrying hazardous materials are required to **STOP** at all crossings, unless there is an exempt sign posted.



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## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR VEHICLE GETS STUCK OR STALLS ON THE TRACKS.

### 1. Get out immediately! Get away!

Get everyone out and far away immediately, even if you do not see a train.

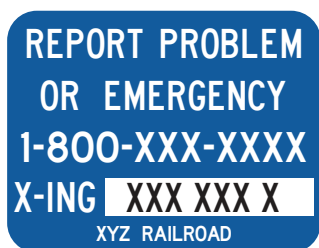
If a train is coming, run toward the train and away from the tracks at a 45-degree angle. If a vehicle is hit, debris will scatter the same direction the train is moving.

### 2. Safely find the Blue and White sign.

### 3. Call the number.

Call the number on the sign and share the crossing ID with the dispatcher. No sign? Call 911.

## BLUE & WHITE ENS SIGN



The Emergency Notification System (ENS) sign is found at or near railroad crossings. These rectangular Blue and White signs display a unique phone number and a unique crossing ID, providing a direct line to

the railroad in case of emergencies. If a vehicle is stuck or stalled on the tracks, debris is spotted, or any other hazard arises, immediately calling the number on the ENS sign can alert the railroad to stop oncoming trains and potentially help prevent incidents.

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