The Train You See is Closer and Faster-Moving Than You Think

Even if a train operator sees you, a light rail train moving at 55 miles per hour can take 600 feet or more to stop once the emergency brakes are applied. That’s the length of two football fields.

Never Race a Train to the Crossing
Even if you tie, you lose. It’s no contest.

Don’t Get Trapped on the Tracks
Proceed through a grade crossing only if you are sure that you can completely clear the crossing without stopping. Remember, a light rail train is wider than the tracks on both sides.

If your vehicle stalls on the tracks, get yourself and passengers out of the car and away from the tracks immediately. If you can see a train approaching, run toward the train but away from the tracks at a 45 degree angle to avoid flying debris.

See Tracks? Think Train!
Light rail trains operate on a schedule, but can travel on tracks at any time, from either direction.

RT, in partnership with Operation Lifesaver, offers free rail safety presentations to the community. Schools, neighborhood associations, businesses and more are all encouraged to schedule a presentation.

It is RT’s goal to eliminate incidents by making the public aware of the dangers posed by light rail trains, and to inform people of the proper behavior to keep themselves safe.

For more information or to schedule a presentation, visit sacrt.com or call 916-556-0119.
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Safety is a Shared Responsibility
Each day, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) provides thousands of people the transportation they need to travel throughout the Sacramento region. Travel by light rail is safe when everyone obeys the rules and uses caution near light rail trains and tracks. Whether traveling by foot, bicycle or vehicle, light rail safety is a shared responsibility.

It can be easy to fall into unsafe routines. Pay attention and avoid distractions. When it comes to collisions, it’s no contest – the train wins every time.

Adhere to the safety rules in this brochure. Remember, See Tracks? Think Train!

Pedestrians
Look and Listen for Trains
Light rail trains can travel at any time from either direction and are relatively quiet. After a train has passed, a second train might be traveling from the opposite direction.

Distractions are Deadly
Cell phones, iPods, headphones and other electronic devices can distract people from identifying oncoming light rail trains. Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings near tracks and in stations.

Stand Away From the Platform Edge
Always stand behind the yellow detectable warning tiles while in stations, and never sit on the edge of the station ramps or platforms.

Don’t Take Shortcuts With Your Life
Jumping in between light rail vehicles is dangerous and illegal. Unsuccessful attempts have resulted in serious injury and death. All violators will be cited and fined more than $200. Always wait for the next train.

Watch Your Children
Keep children behind the yellow detectable warning tiles and hold their hands while in stations, and when boarding and exiting trains.

Walk Your Bike
It is prohibited to ride bicycles, skateboards or rollerblades in stations.

Obey Warning Signs
Obey all warning signs and signals near tracks and in stations.

Tracks are for Trains
Never use light rail tracks for walking, jogging or taking shortcuts.

Light rail tracks can be crossed, when safe, on streets, at grade crossings and in stations, but walking or crossing anywhere else is trespassing and illegal.

Drivers
Never Drive Around Lowered Gates
Lowered crossing gates and/or warning bells and flashing lights signal that a light rail train is approaching. Whether on foot, bike or in a vehicle, it is illegal to go around moving or lowered crossing gates.

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If you see a problem at a crossing, such as a stalled vehicle on the tracks or a signal malfunction, call RT at 916-648-8433, the 1-800 number posted on or near the crossing signal, or the local law enforcement agency.

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