



Level Crossings: Stop, Look and Listen



1. If you step on the railway track, the land next to the track, or any area near the railway that isn't open to the public, you're trespassing. It is dangerous and illegal.
2. Trespassing includes picking up lost property from the tracks, crossing the tracks at any point other than at a level crossing, stepping off a level crossing onto an area where you shouldn't be, and taking a walk down the side of the railway track.
3. Modern trains travel faster than you think, achieving speeds of up to 125mph almost silently.
4. Modern trains also run round-the-clock, so there's no 'quiet time' on the railway.
5. Don't think that keeping to one side of the track will keep you safe. Trains are all wider than the rails.
6. The overhead cables are **ALWAYS** on.
7. The overhead cables that power trains carry 25,000 volts of electricity. This is 100 times stronger than your household electricity and is always on. This makes electricity the most dangerous aspect of trespassing.
8. Electric shocks can cause injuries that aren't always visible. People can die if they are struck by the electricity carried in railway cables, and survivors can be left with life-changing injuries.
9. Electricity can jump up to 3 metres in some conditions (for example when it is raining).

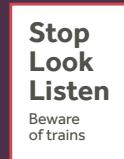
There are nearly 6,000 crossings on the UK railways and every level crossing can be dangerous. Not following the correct instructions can cause serious harm.

How to cross safely at level crossings:



Concentrate

It's easy to drift off and take more notice of your phone, music or conversation than what's going on around you.



Stop, look and listen

Every crossing is different so always read the signs and follow the instructions.



Warning signs

If there are any **warning signs** (lights, barriers, alarms) make sure you understand what they mean. And always follow instructions at each level crossing completely.



Check both ways before crossing

If there is a train coming, don't cross. Stay behind the gate or fence line until the train has passed. Remember, there may be more than one train and they may be coming from different directions.



Cross quickly and safely

Make sure your exit route is clear before you start to cross. Never stop once you have started crossing.

Trespass



What is Trespass?

Trespass is when you go somewhere where you do not have permission to be.

You are trespassing if you are on the wrong side of the railways fencing or barriers.

The railway is a dangerous place. We have signs in place asking you not to trespass for your own safety and for the safety of others!

Our staff and contractors have to go through strict and intense training before working on our tracks. Safety precautions and measures are in place to prevent a serious, potentially life changing accidents.

Trespass on the railway is **ILLEGAL** and you can be taken to court and fined £1000.



Our Stations



To stay safe on platforms:

- Stay behind the yellow/white platform edge lines whilst waiting on the platforms.
- Don't get too close to the edge of the platform.
- Stand clear of closing doors. Whether you're trying to get on or off a train, don't make a rush for closing doors. You or your luggage could get trapped.
- If you drop something on the track, leave it and contact a member of staff.

Safety is EVERYONES Responsibility

You wouldn't let your friends play on the motorway. Tell your friends its not safe to play on our railway and tracks.

You wouldn't walk out into the road without stopping and looking both ways.

Please always **STOP, LOOK & LISTEN** before crossing the railway at all foot and level crossings.



Stop



Look



Listen

Staying Safe Near Our Railway

Keeping people safe on the Railway is at the heart of everything we do. East Midlands Railway are responsible for keeping our communities and passengers safe. We take this responsibility very seriously, so we do all we can to raise awareness of how to stay safe on the railway.

The railway can be dangerous place and that's why East Midlands Railway, Network Rail and the British Transport Police are working in Partnership to help remind you of the dangers that you put yourself in if you misuse the Railway.

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