

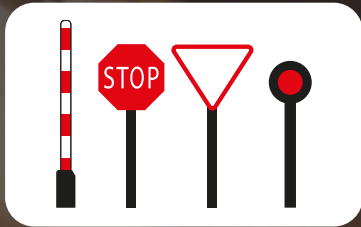
SAFETY TIPS FOR PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY **AT GRADE/LEVEL CROSSINGS**



CROSSING SAFELY: GENERAL CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED



Be prepared to encounter a level/grade crossing.



Obey the road signs and signals.



Where there is a STOP sign: STOP, LOOK both ways and LISTEN carefully.



At protected crossings, stay before barriers, markings and signs.

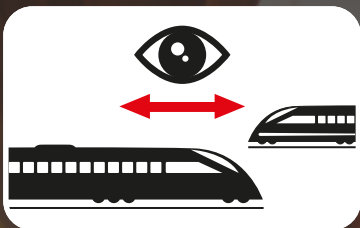


Never stop on the tracks.

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Be aware that a train extends over the rails. You could be hit by the passing train or lose your balance because of the blast effect.



Expect a train at any time from either direction, on any track. Don't use previous experience to guess when trains are coming. They don't always run on a set schedule.

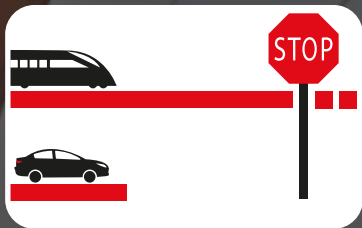


Multiple tracks may mean multiple trains. Anticipate enough to cross safely.



An optical illusion makes it hard to determine a train's distance from you, or its speed. Trains are usually a lot closer than they seem.

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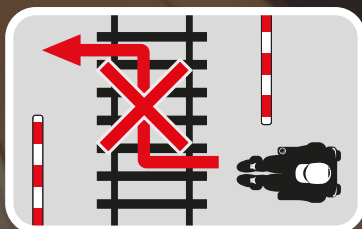
*A train can't stop immediately.
At 100 km/h it can take 1000 metres
or more for a train to stop.*



*Modern trains run fast and silently.
Take off your headphone or turn off
the sound. Don't text, read messages
or make phone calls while crossing.*



*Be patient. Barriers lowered and/or
lights flashing = STOP. Impatience
can lead to a risky decision and put
your life at danger.*

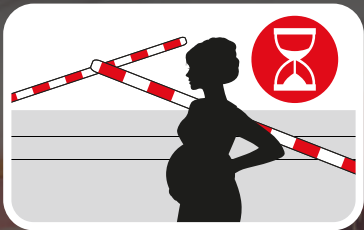


*Don't zigzag between lowered
barriers.*

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Don't jump over or crawl underneath lowered barriers.



Wait for all the warnings to stop and the barriers to open completely. The barriers could lower rapidly again announcing another train, you could be hit by a barrier and fall on the tracks.



Caution: Tracks and level crossing covering can be slippery when wet, icy or in snow conditions. You could fall or the wheels of your device could skid, if you cross too fast, or at the wrong angle.

Also you may have reduced traction as a result of accumulated gravel and dirt.

Proceed with care, don't accelerate or brake when crossing.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

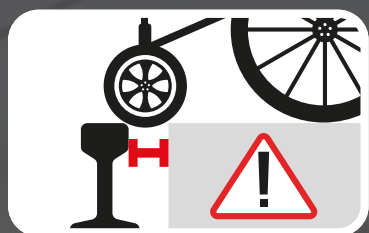


If your mobility device breaks down or gets stuck at the crossing, you need to move quickly away. Ask passing users for help in getting you out of it and be moved to a safe distance away.



Make an emergency call (use the phone posted at the level crossing or the emergency number valid in your country).

SPECIAL TIPS FOR USERS OF MOBILITY DEVICES



Crossing railway tracks on a mobility device (mobility scooters, wheelchairs, walkers...) requires caution and extra attention to avoid having wheels stuck between the rail and the level crossing covering.

Only cross railway tracks at designated crossings. Plan your crossing. Establish your position so that you can cross the tracks at a 90 degree angle.

Do a shoulder check and if necessary, use hand signals to make sure motorists, pedestrians and cyclists know your intentions.

VISIT OUR WEBSITES:

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ole.ee/en/

irfnet.ch

uic.org/safety/safety-at-level-crossings/

ilcad.org/ilcad/article/safety-tips