

warning!

Expect a train on a track at any time. Trains don't always follow regular schedules.

driving tip

When there is a red traffic light at an intersection on the other side of a railway crossing, do not stop on the tracks. Stop before the railway crossing unless there is room on the other side.

Stop no closer than five metres and no further than 15 metres from the nearest rail.



Observe carefully — be aware that your eyes may mislead you. Trains often seem to be moving much slower than they really are. Passenger trains travel at up to 160 km/h in Canada.

Be especially careful at night. Half of all nighttime collisions between trains and cars involve vehicles hitting the side of a train because the driver didn't see it.

Check for other road users — watch out for other road users at railway crossings. Motorcycle riders and cyclists may have to swerve to cross the tracks safely. They could slip and fall on wet tracks, so be sure to cover your brake and leave extra room.

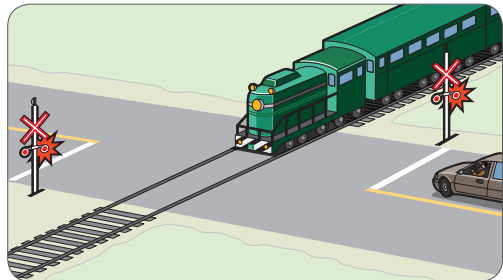
Watch for a second train — be aware that there is often more than one track, so watch out for a second train. One of the main causes of car and train crashes is that the driver doesn't wait for the second train that is hidden behind the first one.

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Know the rules — trains always have right of way. They don't slow down for crossings. If there is a gate down, you must stop and wait for it to go up before you cross the tracks. If flashing red lights are displayed at the crossing, you must stop. Move across the tracks only when it's safe. If a flag person directs you to stop, you must obey their directions. If you hear or see a train approaching the crossing, stop and don't proceed until it is safe.

Think ahead — if your vehicle is stuck on the track, you will have to think and act quickly. Get all passengers out of the vehicle. Move quickly at least 30 metres away from the track to avoid flying debris. Then phone for help:

- Transport Canada — look for the phone number on the back of the railway crossing sign
- 911 or the local police.



Note: Report the location that's on the back of the railway crossing sign.

do**Speed control**

Travel at a safe speed — you should always be able to stop within the distance lit by your headlights if you're driving at night.