

SAFETY AROUND LEVEL CROSSINGS



Lots of kids cross the railway line everyday in Australia in both the city and in the country. But did you know it's actually illegal to cross the tracks anywhere other than at the designated pedestrian crossing? Sadly, lots of people think that 'taking a shortcut' is safe, but the truth is it can sometimes take a train up to 2km to stop. This means that even if the driver does see you, it might already be too late.

This is why you should always **STOP. LOOK. LISTEN. THINK.** before crossing the train tracks.

LEVEL CROSSING SAFETY FIND-A-WORD

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HOW CAN YOU STAY SAFE?

- › Stay behind the line or stop a few steps back from the tracks until you're sure it's safe to cross
- › If a train has just gone past, wait and listen out for train horns before crossing. Another one may be coming in the opposite direction
- › If you're riding your bike, get off and wheel it across the tracks
- › Take your headphones out so you can clearly hear if a train is coming, even when you think the coast is clear
- › Never try and 'beat' the train – they travel much faster than you may think!
- › Cross the tracks at the designated pedestrian crossing only
- › Walk quickly across the tracks without distraction

← **Find:** Trespass Railway Horn
 Level crossing Trains Listen
 Track safety Think Warning
 Platform Look

TEST YOUR RAIL SAFETY KNOWLEDGE BY GIVING OUR QUIZ A GO! PLEASE CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- What should I always do before crossing the railway line?
 - Run as fast as I can to the other side
 - STOP. LOOK. LISTEN. THINK.**
 - Take a shortcut anywhere on the tracks
- Where is it safe for me to cross the railway line?
 - Anywhere really, as long as I look out for trains
 - Wherever my friends want to
 - Only at a designated pedestrian crossing
- Why is the train driver blowing the horn?
 - To say hello
 - As a warning of the train approaching, and telling everyone to keep clear
 - To make the train go as fast as possible
- If you're riding home from school and you see a level crossing, what should you do?
 - Find another way to get home
 - Cross the track as quickly as possible, there's no time to spare!
 - Get off your bike, take out your headphones **STOP. LOOK. LISTEN. THINK.** before crossing

Answers: 1-B, 2-C, 3-B, 4-C



Name: _____
 School: _____
 Contact Number: _____

Age: _____
 Year: _____

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