

SAFETY TIPS FOR CYCLISTS AND USERS OF MICRO MOBILITY DEVICES **AT GRADE/LEVEL CROSSINGS**



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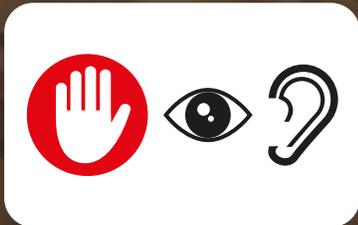
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Be prepared to encounter a level/grade crossing.



Obey the road signs and signals.



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



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

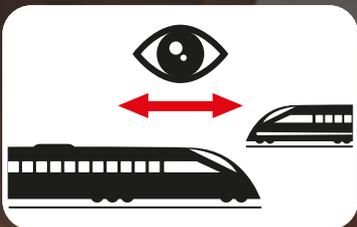


Never stop on the tracks.

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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.

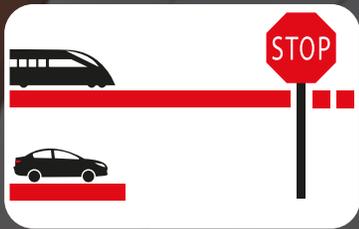


Multiple tracks may mean multiple trains. Anticipate enough to cross safely.



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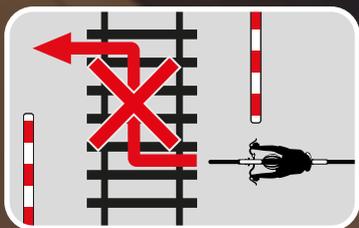
A train can't stop immediately. At 100 km/h it can take 1000 metres or more for a train to stop.



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.

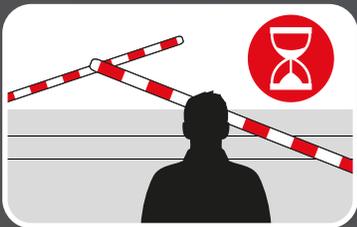


Don't zigzag between lowered barriers.

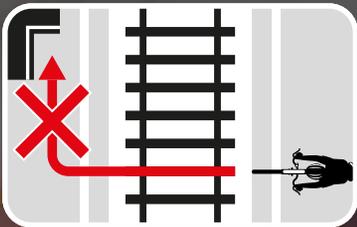


Don't jump over or crawl underneath lowered barriers.

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Wait for all the warnings to stop and the barriers to open completely.



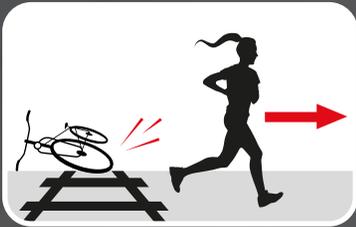
Don't use the crossing as a shortcut to go onto a neighbouring railway platform. It is prohibited and dangerous.



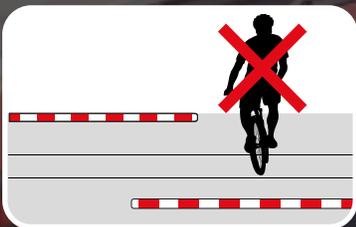
Crossing railway tracks on a bicycle, three-carrier cycle, or any micro mobility devices with small or narrow wheels (e-scooters, kick-scooters...) requires caution and extra attention.

Step down from your bicycle, three-carrier cycle or any micro mobility device (e-scooter..) and only walk across a designated crossing. Otherwise you could skid or your vehicle wheels could get stuck between the rail and the level crossing covering.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN



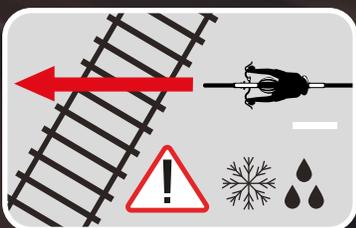
Evacuate the tracks as fast as possible.



In case of failure, the barriers remain closed, do not cross.



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



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

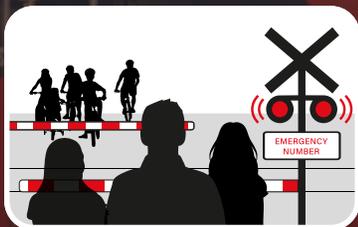
SPECIAL TIPS FOR: PHOTOGRAPHERS, ADULTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AND GROUPS



No photo, no selfie is worth the risk. Photo and videos shoots on or near tracks are illegal.

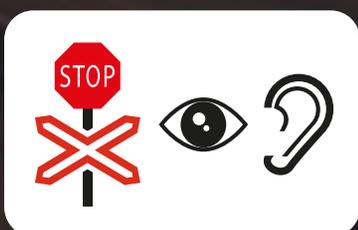


Keep an eye on your children, step down from your bicycle/device and cross.



Don't assume that someone else is looking out for you. Make sure there is enough time and space for everyone to cross safely.

At protected level crossings: As soon as the signal(s) get started (light and/or sound signal), barriers get lowered, people who haven't crossed yet, must stay behind barriers and signals and wait for the crossing to open again to cross safely.



At unprotected level crossings: Stop, look and listen.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS



You are in dangerous and prohibited zones.

Railway premises (tracks, stations, yards, tunnels, bridges) and trains aren't playgrounds.

Don't take any shortcuts, don't ride on tracks, on gravel service roads or green spaces alongside tracks.

Don't put your life at risk, stay away from the tracks.

TRESPASSING IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL.

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