

Safety First.



Tips to Stay Safe Around Light Rail Tracks and Stations

Light Rail trains can come from unexpected directions and catch you off guard – never assume it's safe to cross; always make sure.

Did you know?

- ✓ Light rail trains can run on any track, in any direction, at any time.
- ✓ Often, a train will pass in one direction followed very closely by a train passing in the opposite direction – never assume the track is clear and safe.
- ✓ Light Rail trains are heavy and cannot stop immediately - a train may need between 600 feet and a mile to stop, depending on its size and speed.
- ✓ Light rail trains are very quiet. Look for headlights and listen for warning bells and horns.
- ✓ Always look both ways before crossing the tracks.
- ✓ Lights are affected by train movement and location on the tracks... never assume warning gates or flashing train signs are wrong.
- ✓ The speed of a Light Rail train can be deceptive - Never try to beat a train through an intersection.
- ✓ Obey signs and signals at gated crossings, stop when lights flash and gates go down and do not proceed until the gates go up. If the gates are down, there is a train approaching from either direction or maybe from both directions. Wait for the gates.
- ✓ Light Rail trains are wider than the tracks – always keep children, pets, bikes, cars, and all belongings well clear of the tracks and protected area around the tracks, and safely behind gates and barriers.
- ✓ Skateboarding, rollerblading, or biking is not allowed on Light Rail platforms and tracks – it can be very dangerous.
- ✓ Obey traffic lights. Don't run red lights and turn arrows – especially around light rail tracks – there may be a train coming through the intersection out of your line of sight.

Help others stay safe:

- ✓ Remind your family and friends to stop, look both ways, and listen—especially around light rail tracks.
- ✓ Never allow children or pets to play or roam near the tracks and never fly kites, balloons, or models near the high-voltage overhead power lines.
- ✓ Never bike on light rail tracks. Don't walk on or stand near the tracks. Always walk your bike at the station and onto the train.
- ✓ Jaywalking is illegal and unsafe. Cross only at crosswalks and obey the crosswalk signals. Don't try to rush to beat a red light or train – the train operator may not see you until it's too late to stop.