



Operation Lifesaver Fast Facts

Highway-Rail Grade Crossing and Trespassing Facts:

United States

There are 250,317 Public and Private at grade crossings.*

152,476 public, 97,841 private

California

There are 10,285 grade crossings:

6,430 public, 3,647 private and 158 pedestrian

- California ranks #1 in trespassing deaths and injuries in our nation.
- California ranks #3 in grade crossing incidents.
- Nearly 50% of grade crossings are equipped with active (lights and bells) warning devices.
- Nationally, there are approximately 2,000 grade crossing collisions each year.
- In the U.S. nearly 500 people die while trespassing on railroad property each year.
- More die at highway/rail grade crossing every year than all aviation attributed fatalities.
- A person is 20% more likely to die in a train/vehicle crash than a vehicle/vehicle crash.
- Every two hours someone or a vehicle is struck by a train. That's 12 times a day!
- The majority of incidents happen with trains traveling less than 30 miles per hour.
- It takes the average freight train a mile or more to stop.

Total for the nation for the year 2009:

Trespasser fatalities: 435

Highway-Rail Crossing fatalities: 248

**Remember education is the best defense against death or injury on the railroad tracks.
Please share this information with your family and friends.**

Always pect A Train!

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*Crossing inventory reporting is voluntary for states and railroads. There is no legal mandate for reporting. The numbers quoted could be higher.