

RAIL SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

The Orange County Transportation Authority is committed to keeping Orange County safe around train tracks.

The Orange County Rail Safety Program is available to everyone. We encourage you to learn more about rail safety and participate in OCTA's safety program.

If you are interested in scheduling a rail safety presentation at your school, organization or community event, please contact:

714/560-5376

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ORANGE COUNTY RAIL SAFETY PROGRAM



Orange County will soon have increased frequency of Metrolink passenger-rail service, so it is important to learn and teach rail safety rules.



WARNING/SAFETY SIGNS



Advance Warning:

Warns pedestrians and drivers that train tracks are ahead. Remember to slow down and look for safety signs.



Pavement Markings:

Warns motorists that train tracks are ahead.



Crossbuck:

Yield sign that indicates motorists must yield the right of way to trains. If the roadway crosses more than one set of tracks, the number is posted below the Crossbuck.



Flashing Red Signals:

These can be with or without bells and when they begin to flash, pedestrians and motorists must STOP because a train is approaching.



Gates:

May be used along with flashing red signals and/or bells to block the tracks when a train is approaching. Motorists and pedestrians must WAIT until the gates rise and the lights/bells stop before crossing the tracks.

SAFETY TIPS FOR ALL TRAIN CROSSINGS

- 1. APPROACH WITH CARE.** Slow down and obey all advance warning signs and gates.
- 2. PREPARE TO STOP.** When you see a train approaching, or the crossing gates are down, stop at least 15 feet from the tracks or at designated pavement markings.
- 3. DO NOT GET TRAPPED.** Only cross the tracks if you are sure your vehicle can completely clear the crossing without stopping.
- 4. AVOID SHIFTING GEARS.** If your vehicle has a manual transmission, use a gear that will not require shifting until you have completely crossed the tracks.
- 5. ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN,** even if you do not hear a warning horn. Quiet Zones will soon be established in residential and business areas along the train tracks, so trains will no longer need to blow their horns. Look both directions before safely crossing the tracks.
- 6. KEEP DRIVING.** Continue driving once you start crossing the tracks, even if lights begin to flash or gates come down. Do not back up at a crossing.