



Highway-Rail Grade Crossings: 7 Steps for Safety

1. Approach with care.

Warn others that you are slowing down.
Turn on 4-way flashers. Use pull-out lane if available.

2. Prepare to stop.

Turn off fans and radio and roll down windows.
Locate your cell phone for use in emergency.

Stop at least 15 feet, but not more than 50 feet, from nearest rail.

3. Look and listen both ways, carefully.

Bend forward to see around mirrors and A-pillars.

4. If it won't fit, don't commit.

Trains extend beyond the width of the rails at least 3 feet on each side. Remember your vehicle – and cargo – overhang.

5. Look again.

Before you move, look again in both directions.

6. Cross tracks with care.

Signal, watch for a safe gap, pull back onto the road if you used a pull-out lane.

Use highest gear that will let you cross without shifting.

7. Keep going once you start, even if lights start to flash or gates come down.