



STAY AWAY

# STAY ALIVE

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Railroad tracks, bridges, tunnels, and equipment are private property. Walking or playing on them is **TRESPASSING**, and you can be **FINED** or **ARRESTED**. It's not only illegal, it's **DANGEROUS**. You could be seriously **INJURED** or **KILLED**.

Approximately 900 people are injured or killed in the U.S. each year while walking on railroad tracks. Norfolk Southern wants you to stay safe by staying off the tracks. Remember, whenever you **See Tracks, Expect A Train!**



## 800-453-2530

Report trespassing, suspicious activity, and safety issues to Norfolk Southern Police. [www.nscorp.com](http://www.nscorp.com)



### ABOUT NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Norfolk Southern Corporation operates approximately 20,000 route miles in 22 states and the District of Columbia, serves every major container port in the eastern United States, and provides efficient connections to other rail carriers.

**IT'S NO CONTEST.**

Every day, people trespass on railroad tracks.

**MAN** 175 LBS. OF PURE, HUMAN FLESH AND BLOOD

**VS**

**TRAIN** 6,000 TONS OF SOLID BUILT AMERICAN STEEL

**THE MOST LOPSIDED CLASH IN HISTORY.**

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- 1. ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS** and pavement markings alert you that a railroad crossing is ahead. Slow down, look, and listen, and be prepared to stop if a train is approaching.
- 2. THE ONLY SAFE PLACE TO CROSS** the tracks is at a designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights, or a gate. If you cross at any other place, you are trespassing and can be ticketed, fined, seriously injured, or killed.
- 3. CROSS TRACKS QUICKLY**, without stopping. Be especially cautious on a bike, with a stroller, or in a wheelchair. Always cross at a 90-degree angle.
- 4. STAY AT LEAST 15 FEET** away from tracks while waiting for a train to pass. Trains are wider than the tracks and can overhang the rails by as many as three feet on both sides.
- 5. IT'S ILLEGAL TO WALK AROUND** a lowered crossing gate or disregard signs or lights. Wait for the gate to fully rise and the lights to **STOP** flashing before crossing the tracks. Not all crossings have gates and/or flashing lights.
- 6. CALL 800-453-2530** to report a railroad emergency to Norfolk Southern's Police Communications Center. The phone number is on the blue-and-white sign posted at every public crossing.
- 7. THE CROSSBUCK SIGN** marks where the tracks cross the roadway. When crossing multiple tracks, watch for a second train that may be coming on the other track from the same or the opposite direction.
- 8. TURN OFF YOUR PHONE AND MUSIC**, and no texting while near railroad tracks, as it could be a dangerous distraction.
- 9. STANDING ON OR NEAR TRACKS** to take photographs is extremely dangerous. An optical illusion makes a train seem farther away and moving more slowly than it is. It can take a mile or more to stop a train, so a locomotive engineer who suddenly sees someone on the tracks likely will be unable to stop in time.
- 10. NEVER CLIMB BETWEEN** the rail cars of a stopped train to cross tracks. The train may suddenly begin to move. A slip of the foot can cost you a limb or your life.
- 11. RAILROAD TRACKS, TRESTLES, AND TUNNELS** are off-limits to joggers, cyclers, hikers, hunters, fisherman, and three-wheelers for their safety and the safety of the train crew. There is only enough clearance on the tracks for a train to pass. Remember, a train can come at any time.