

RAILWAY CROSSINGS

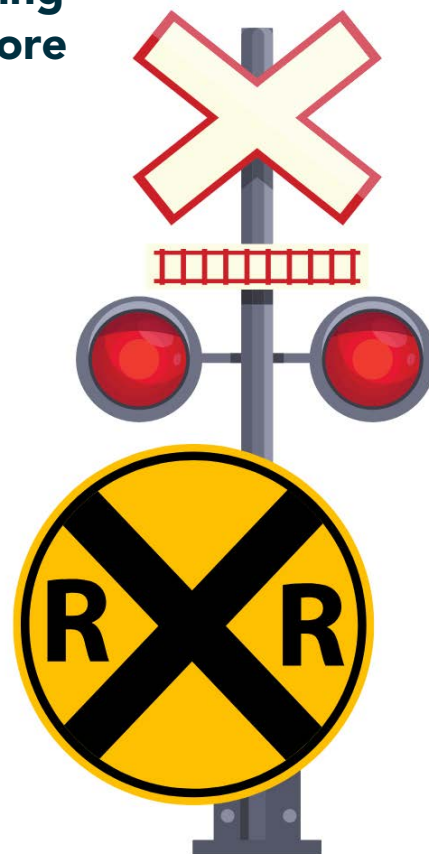
Some sawmills have active, uncontrolled railway crossings at the site entrance. Drivers need use caution and proper driving procedures at railway crossings as approaching trains will not stop. Be aware of your surroundings and pay close attention especially at uncontrolled crossings.

According to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, approximately 20 crossing collisions occur every year across BC.

Railway crossing are dangerous places as trains can appear out of nowhere. Trains often look like they're moving more slowly than they're actually travelling and they're also extremely heavy which means a moving train requires a great distance to stop (more than 1.5 kms for most trains).

CROSSING SAFETY:

- WHEN TO STOP
- WHERE TO STOP
- MULTIPLE TRACKS
- STUCK ON THE TRACKS



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WHEN TO STOP

- When a clearly visible electrical or mechanical signal device warns of an approaching train.
- When a crossing gate is lowered or a flagger provides a signal of an approaching or passing train.
- When a train is approaching and is within approximately 500m of a crossing.
- When a train's speed or it's proximity to a crossing is an immediate hazard.
- When there is a stop sign posted at the crossing.

WHERE TO STOP

- Ensure your vehicle is stopped within 15 metres and no closer than five (5) metres from the nearest rail.
- No part of a vehicle can be on or over the tracks.

MULTIPLE TRACKS

- More than one set of tracks can pose a significant risk as more than one train may be using the tracks. Visibility of all trains using the tracks may be blocked by other trains.
- Look in both directions to ensure no other trains are approaching in either direction before you cross.
- If you drive across the tracks without checking the second crossing there is a risk of being struck by the other train.

STUCK ON THE TRACKS

- If your vehicle stalls or gets stuck on the tracks, get out of the vehicle immediately and move 30 metres away from your vehicle.
- Contact the railway immediately to report it or call 911.

NEVER ATTEMPT TO BEAT A TRAIN

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