

ON-SITE RAILWAY CROSSINGS

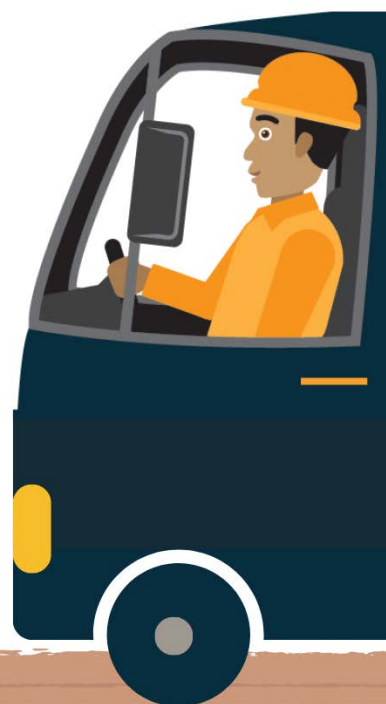
Many sawmills and pellet plants have active, uncontrolled railway crossings on-site. At many of these worksites, vehicles, residual trucks, transport trucks and mobile equipment regularly cross the rail lines as part of their normal work.

Rail lines are a high risk area with significant hazards. According to the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) of Canada, approximately 20 crossing collisions occur every year across BC.

Drivers need to use caution and follow proper driving procedures at railway crossings as approaching trains will not stop. Be aware of your surroundings and pay close attention, especially at railway crossings.

CROSSING SAFETY:

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



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WHEN TO STOP

- At all site uncontrolled rail lines.
- When there is a stop sign posted at the crossing.
- When a train is approaching and it's speed or its proximity to a crossing is an immediate hazard.
- When a clearly visible electrical or mechanical signal device warns of an approaching train.

SAFETY CONTROLS TO LOOK FOR BEFORE CROSSING

- Look for blue flags that are up. (Blue flags are displayed to warn approaching railway operators when on-site rail cars are being loaded and unloaded. A blue flag is also used to indicate that workmen are in the vicinity of rail equipment.)
- Look for derailleurs that are engaged and in operation. (Derailleurs are used to protect workers from rail cars coming from the main line.)

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 all the crossings 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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