

Safety around trains

Explain to children the danger of trains, railway tracks and the areas around the tracks.

Help your child to understand that:

- Trains are surprisingly quiet – you may not hear them coming.
- Trains are heavy – they take a long time to stop.
- Trains are fast – the average speed of a moving train is 80km/h.
- Trains have right of way – it's a child's responsibility to stay out of the way of the train.



Help your child to:

- Only cross railway tracks at proper crossings.
- Stop, look and listen for trains.
- Use the signs, lights and bells to cross safely.
- Do not walk along the railway tracks or corridor.
- Look both ways – if there are two tracks there could be two trains.

What else can I do to help my child be safer around trains?

- Always obey the signs, lights and bells when driving near railway crossings.
- Stand at least 1.5m back from the platform edge to avoid the backdraft of passing trains.

For more information

For general enquiries, or more information about road and rail safety for children, please email info@nzta.govt.nz or visit education.nzta.govt.nz.