

## PASSENGERS



### Stand Behind the Yellow Line

Trains express through stations at up to 79 mph, weigh about one million pounds and take up to a mile to stop.

### Mind the Gate When Running Late

Taking shortcuts across tracks or around pedestrian safety gates is illegal and dangerous. It's better to arrive late than not at all.



## CYCLISTS

### Always Walk Your Bike

Don't ride your bike when on station platforms or when crossing tracks.

### Cross Tracks in a Straight Line

Always cross tracks at a 90-degree angle, never diagonally.

## DRIVERS



### Steer Clear of the Tracks

Only cross railroad tracks when you know you can completely clear all of the tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by at least three feet and sometimes even further if they have straps or other objects.

### Stalled Cars

If your vehicle stalls while on a crossing, immediately get everyone out of the vehicle and move quickly away from the tracks. Call the number on the blue and white sign at the crossing.

## Rail Safety Presentations

In partnership with California Operation Lifesaver, the Caltrain's Communications Department offers free rail safety presentations for people of all age groups.

These presentations use engaging videos and other materials to teach individuals how to stay safe around train tracks.

For more information or to schedule a presentation, call 650.208.9895 or email [communications@samtrans.com](mailto:communications@samtrans.com).

Operation Lifesaver, Inc. administers grant funding on behalf of the Federal Transit Administration to increase awareness about the importance of rail safety education. Please visit [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org) for additional information about the grants and download materials for additional outreach efforts.



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Caltrain's "Don't Shortcut Life" safety campaign focuses on education, engineering and enforcement. Know and follow the safety tips, and share them with your loved ones. Stay safe, arrive alive and don't shortcut life.



## Don't Shortcut Life

You play an important part in ensuring the rail system remains a safe place. Following the basic rules of rail safety will keep you, other passengers and the community safe around the tracks.



Trains are a routine part of daily life for lots of Peninsula residents, and many people who live and work in the area have grown accustomed to them.

Always be aware of your surroundings and make sure you remember the basic rules of rail safety.



If you see something, say something.  
Call Caltrain Transit Police at  
1.877.SAF.RAIL (1.877.723.7245)

## Rail Safety Rules

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### LOOK, LISTEN, LIVE

It's your responsibility to stay safe around train tracks. Trains move faster and are closer than they appear – an optical illusion makes them appear slower and farther away. Listen carefully, look both ways before crossing and always wait at the gate.

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### WATCH FOR A SECOND TRAIN

When crossing multiple tracks, be careful of other trains you may not see or hear. The first train can block your view of a second train coming from another direction. Make sure you have a completely clear view in both directions before crossing.

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### WAIT FOR THE GATE

Whether you're driving, walking or cycling, always wait for the gate to completely rise before crossing tracks. Going around the gate is illegal and dangerous.

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### PAY ATTENTION

Crossings have warnings, signs, instructions and may have gates designed to keep you safe. Be aware that headphones, cell phones and other distractions may prevent you from hearing or seeing them.



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### ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN

Freight, special event and other trains are not on the Caltrain schedule. And, Caltrain operates on a push-pull system, meaning trains can be pushed or pulled by the locomotive, so it may not be obvious which direction a train is traveling. Always expect a train in any direction and at any time when crossing or traveling near the tracks.

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### CROSS AT A DESIGNATED CROSSING

Designated crossings are the only safe place to cross railroad tracks. Crossing anywhere other than a designated crossing is dangerous and illegal.

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### CONSTRUCTION

As Caltrain modernizes, be aware of construction and possible safety detours.