

Trains on the Caltrain Corridor...



Travel up to 79 mph and weigh about 1 million lbs.



Take a mile or more to stop.
That's the length of 18 football fields!



Overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet.

Straps and other objects on the train may reach even farther.



Operate on a push-pull system.

Trains can be pushed or pulled by the locomotive, making it harder to tell which end of the train is the "front." Always look carefully to see which way the trains are moving.



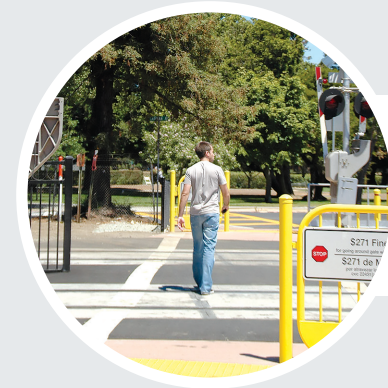
Move faster and are closer than they appear.

An optical illusion gives the impression that trains are farther away and moving slower than they actually are.



Know the Signs

Be sure to know the following signs and signals indicating a railroad crossing is ahead:



Pedestrian Crossing



On the Road



Signs & Devices at the Crossing

Rail Safety Presentations

In partnership with California Operation Lifesaver, Caltrain offers rail safety presentations for people of all age groups, especially students.

These presentations teach individuals how to stay safe while around the rail system and gain a better understanding of how to avoid hazards.

For more information or to schedule a presentation, email communications@samtrans.com.



Stay Safe

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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 loved ones.



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Don't Shortcut Life

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



Every month, Caltrain operates more than 138,000 miles of trips up and down the Peninsula, carrying an ever-growing number of people to where they need to go, safely and on time.

Trains are a routine part of daily life for many Peninsula residents. Trains have been operating on Caltrain tracks for more than 160 years, and many people who live and work in the area have come to take them for granted.

But if someone drops their guard or squeezes around a closing gate, they will realize ignoring the basic rules of safety near the tracks can be a devastating decision.

When Near Railroad Tracks Always...

- 1 Look, Listen, Live**
Trains cannot swerve. It's your responsibility to stay off the tracks. Today's trains can be quiet, so listen carefully and look both ways before crossing the tracks. Remember, the new electric trains are quieter than the diesels, so use your eyes and your ears.
- 2 Expect a Train on Any Track, in Any Direction and at Any Time**
Freight, special event and other trains are not on the Caltrain schedule. Always expect a train when crossing or traveling near the tracks.
- 3 Cross at a Designated Crossings**
Designated crossings are the only safe place to cross railroad tracks. Designated crossings are the only safe places to cross the tracks.
- 4 Pay Attention**
Look for warning and crossing signs, gates and instructions when crossing tracks, standing on platforms and while on the train. Headphones, cell phones and other distractions don't mix with being safe around the tracks.

- 5 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 not only illegal, it could cost you your life.
- 6 Watch for a Second Train**
When crossing multiple tracks, be careful of other trains that you may not see. The first train can block your view and give you the impression that the tracks are clear when they're not. Wait for a clear view of the tracks in both directions before crossing.



Do your part to keep the rails safe! If you see something, say something. Call Caltrain Transit Police at **1.877.SAF.RAIL (1.877.723.7245)** immediately to report any unsafe situation or suspicious activity. Save the number in your cell phone for quick and easy access.

PASSENGERS

Stand Behind the Yellow Line

Stand behind the yellow safety line on the platform at all times. Trains express through stations at up to 79 mph.

CYCLISTS

Walk Your Bike

Always walk your bike - don't ride - when on station platforms or when crossing tracks. Always cross tracks at a 90-degree angle.

DRIVERS

Steer Clear of the Tracks

Only cross railroad tracks when you know you can completely clear all of the tracks. Trains overhang the rail by at least 3 feet, so you are not safe until you are all the way across the tracks. If your vehicle stalls while on a crossing, immediately get everyone out of the vehicle and move quickly away from the tracks.

Downed Wires

Stay Away

If you see a downed or otherwise damaged overhead wire, stay at least 25 feet away and call the Transit Police.

