

EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD

TRAINING TITLE Defensive Driving - Railroad Tracks

KEY TEACHING POINTS

CRASHES AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS: A TRAGIC PROBLEM

- Railroad crossing collisions involving trains, automobiles, and pedestrians are a serious problem.

WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE INJURED OR KILLED?

- Human error is the main reason. Most of these injuries or deaths would not have happened if people had obeyed the railroad crossing warning signals and devices, and been more careful around the tracks.

TRAINS CAN'T STOP!

- Trains can not slow down fast enough to keep from running into you if you are on the tracks. It takes over one-half of a mile to stop an average train traveling 30 mph and about a mile and a half to stop a train traveling at 60 mph. Chances are you will not survive a collision with a train.

STARTLING FACTS

- Fifty-two percent of crashes are caused by drivers trying to go around the lowered crossing gates or ignoring flashing lights.
- One-fourth of all crashes involve drivers trying to beat the train across the tracks and actually running into the side of the train.
- In the United States, a vehicle and train collide about every 90 minutes.
- The difference in weight between a train and a car is 4,000 to 1 - about the same as between an aluminum can and a car.

TIPS TO SAVE LIVES

- Obey warning signs. Always stop and obey the flashing lights or lowered gates that warn of an oncoming train.
- Never drive around lowered gates. If the gates are down, stop and stay in place. Don't cross the tracks until the gates are raised and the lights have stopped flashing.
- Never race a train to the crossing.
- Don't get trapped on the tracks. Never drive onto the tracks unless you are sure you can go completely across without stopping.
- Get out of your vehicle if it stalls on the tracks.
- Don't loiter on or near railroad tracks.

TEST

QUESTION	ANSWERS	
	TRUE	FALSE
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