LEVEL CROSSING SAFETY

YOUNG PEOPLE USER GUIDE

STOP

LOOK
LISTEN
LIVE

Please stay alert

01 **It's easy to get distracted,** especially by phones and music. **Remove headphones, put your phone away and concentrate – understand the warnings (lights, barriers, alarms).**

02 If you're in a group **don't assume** that someone else is looking out for you. Stay alert because there could be more than one train coming – trains can come from either direction at any time. **Check both ways before crossing – if there is a train coming, don't cross.**

03 It can be tempting to run over the crossing or jump the barriers rather than wait for a train to pass. Don't do it – you're putting your life at risk. **Stop, look and listen. Follow signs and instructions.**

Please stay alert

In the last five years there were more than 2,000 incidents involving young people at level crossings. So please take care and stay alert.

OVER 2,000 INCIDENTS
AT LEVEL CROSSINGS

Stop, look, listen sign

- This sign indicates the need to be extra vigilant – the crossing may not have a visual or audible warning.

Gates

- Gates should be opened by the public safely, although some are operated by railway staff on certain crossings.
- Always stop, look and listen to make sure no trains are approaching before and immediately after opening the gates, and ensure all gates are closed after using a crossing.
- If crossing in a group make sure there is enough time and space for everyone to cross safely, look out for each other.

Warning lights

- Many crossings have amber, red and green lights. Stop as soon as the red or amber lights come on, as this means a train is approaching. Crossings should only be crossed when the green lights are showing.

Please stay alert

In the last five years there were 7 fatalities involving young people at level crossings. So please take care and stay alert.

In the last five years there have been:

7 FATALITIES
AT LEVEL CROSSINGS

Barriers

- Some crossings are 'open' and don't have barriers, some have a 'full barrier' which blocks the entire road, whilst others have a 'half barrier.'
- Please do not cross until the barriers are fully raised – they are there for your safety. There may be more than one train coming.

Alarms and sirens

- Watch out for various types of alarms – some sound like sirens, some sound like train horns, so take out your headphones and listen.
- If a warning sound or message is heard, this means a train is approaching. This is the opposite of a pelican crossing, where the sound indicates that it is safe to cross. Please stay alert and make sure any sounds have stopped before crossing.

Train timetables – be aware

- There is no set amount of time from a warning activating to the train arriving, plus there may be more than one train scheduled to arrive at one time. Even if you know the timetables of your local crossings, stay alert as trains can often be delayed and timetables can change.