

- PEDESTRIANS
- HORSE RIDERS
- CYCLISTS



If you are a pedestrian and need to cross an unattended level crossing:
READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED AT THE CROSSING



Switch off music systems and do not use your phone whilst at the crossing. Apart from being an offence, failure to use the crossing safely can lead to catastrophic consequences for you, those with you, and others. It is dangerous and such reckless actions, or inactions can have devastating effects for you, your family, and/or friends.

- Always expect a train
- Stop, Look, Listen...
 - STOP** – at least two meters before the railway
 - LOOK** – right and left, watching for the lights of approaching trains
 - LISTEN** – for a train horn or whistle
- Give way to trains
- When the railway is clear, cross quickly
- Open and close the gates each and every time you use a level crossing
- Cyclists **MUST** also dismount before travelling over level crossings

There are NO second chances –
Don't Run the Risk!

ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN

Contact Us

Our detailed safety booklet *The SAFE Use of Unattended Railway Level Crossings* can be viewed or downloaded at www.irishrail.ie. This brochure can also be downloaded from our website.

For enquiries regarding the level crossing you use, or reporting damage to a level crossing infrastructure, contact the relevant Infrastructure Manager in your area:

ATHLONE

Covers the West of the country

090 648 7711

DUBLIN

Covers the North, East and South East of the country

01 703 3651

LIMERICK JUNCTION

Covers the South and South West of the country

062 51083



When Using Unmanned Level Crossings...



ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN

- PRIVATE CARS
- COMMERCIAL VEHICLES
- PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES
- FARM MACHINERY



Used correctly, unattended railway level crossings should present no more danger to the users than any other type of rail crossing, but sadly not everyone takes enough care.



Modern trains are much faster and far more quiet than the older, diesel engine type trains and with busier lives and greater distraction they cannot always be heard.

For drivers needing to cross the rail tracks

ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN

Level Crossings are dangerous places –
Stop, Look, Listen, Live!

What makes an unattended level crossing different from other types of crossings is that the gates need to be **opened by you before you cross** and then **closed again by you after you have crossed the tracks**.

To cross safely you **MUST** know and follow the **RAIL CROSS CODE**.

THE RAIL CROSS CODE

- 1 Always expect a Train
- 2 Stop, Look, Listen
- 3 Give way to Trains
- 4 When the railway is clear, open both gates and cross quickly
- 5 Close both gates behind you



These unattended level crossings are guarded by iron gates as seen here. Please obey **ALL** signs present at the level crossing. The gates need to be opened away from the tracks.



As a driver approaching the crossing you need to:

- Stop clear of the gates
- Switch off phone and music systems
- Open windows on driver and passenger sides
- Read instructions at the crossing
- In the event of an emergency contact the controlling signaller on the number posted at the level crossing

Don't tempt fate –
Always Shut the Gate!

To be able to drive across safely drivers need to:

- First walk across and open both gates
- Drive forward and stop two metres short of the railway line or behind the white lines painted on the road'
- Apply the handbrake
- Look Right & Left and Listen
- Drive across quickly when the railway is clear
- Stop well clear of the tracks on the opposite side

Having stopped safely and well clear of the crossing on the other side a driver must now go back and **close the gates** securely. You are responsible for ensuring that the gate is properly closed after use. Even if there is following traffic, make certain it is properly closed before driving on your way.



...DON'T ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT

THINK **DANGER** THINK **TRAIN**

