



## REGIONAL RAIL LINES

- Stay **BEHIND** the yellow line on the station platform until the train has come to a complete stop
- Be alert for Express trains – don't assume every train is stopping at your station. Let the passengers exit the train before you attempt to board
- **ALWAYS** be aware of the gap between the train and the station platform
- Move into the car and keep the exits clear for customers getting on and off
- Make sure your bags and clothing are clear of closing doors
- **DON'T** lean against the doors
- **DON'T** attempt to open the train doors. Doors are held tightly closed to keep you safe
- **DON'T** hold doors open
- **NEVER** attempt to board or exit a moving train – avoid the risk of serious injury – **WAIT** for the next train
- **DON'T** pass between the cars when the train is moving – **WAIT** until you arrive and stop at a station

## FOR TRAVEL AROUND REGIONAL RAIL LINES

- **STOP** as soon as possible when you see and hear activated flashers, bells, and gates – the train has the right-of-way
- **NEVER, NEVER,** stop on a crossing, especially if you're in a line of traffic – even if no trains are in sight
- **NEVER** travel into a crossing until the flashing lights go out completely. There may be a second train coming from the opposite direction that will re-activate the gates

- **NEVER** assume that trains don't run here anymore...they **DO** regardless of what you think
- **NEVER** assume the train is going to slow down or stop because there is a rail station next to the crossing
- Trains approaching a highway grade crossing are traveling at their normal speeds because they're **NOT** stopping
- **DON'T** attempt to beat the train to the crossing – the train **ALWAYS WINS**



## BUS & TRACKLESS TROLLEY

- **ALWAYS** stay on the sidewalk or walkway – especially at loops and transportation centers
- **ALWAYS** be aware of the height between the first step on the vehicle and the curb
- **NEVER** walk out onto the bus driveway or trespass on SEPTA property to take a short cut
- **NEVER** walk directly in front of or behind a bus or trackless trolley. Maintain a safe distance within sight of the Operator
- Stay alert around street intersections – **ALWAYS STOP, LOOK and LISTEN** before crossing the street for other traffic
- Request your stop by using the cord or signal bar inside the vehicle
- If you're not familiar with the route tell the Operator which stop you need when you board and then listen for announcements
- Don't **STAND NEAR** or **DISTRACT** your operator while the vehicle is moving

## Transportation Safety Partners



[www.septa.org/safety](http://www.septa.org/safety)  
215-580-7800



[www.ridepatco.org](http://www.ridepatco.org)  
856-772-6900



<https://pass.amtrak.com>  
800-872-7245



[www.njtransit.com](http://www.njtransit.com)  
973-275-5555



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### Suicide Prevention

1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

# Make the Safe Choice



# RESPECT THE TRAIN

We value your personal safety and work very hard to provide information to customers and neighbors who live near our operations as well as anyone who walks or drives a vehicle in and around the service region. Even with our on-going outreach efforts, we continue to see incidents, some with tragic outcomes, of people trespassing in the track right-of-way or ignoring safeguards at highways crossings.

We're certain you've heard the news reports about train incidents involving trespassers or vehicles. **PLEASE** don't **EVER** place yourself in that type of danger by crossing the tracks at an undesignated crosswalk or walking along the right-of-way.

Listening to music through headphones or being otherwise distracted when you're approaching a station increases the likelihood that you will not hear an approaching train. When the train sees you it will sound its horn as a warning but will **NOT** be able to stop in time because it can take one mile or more to stop. **RESPECT THE TRAIN – STAY OFF THE TRACKS**

Keep in mind a vehicle is no match against a train – the train will win every time. Don't think you can **EVER** beat the flashing lights or crossing gate arm at a highway grade crossing. A train moving at a steady speed will not be able to stop in time – being 5 minutes late for an appointment while you wait for it to safely pass is better than being late forever. **RESPECT THE TRAIN - WAIT**

We want you to make safe decisions around transit services so we offer these handy safety tips to follow. We encourage you to read and share this information with family and friends – you might just save someone's life.

**MAKE THE SAFE CHOICE  
RESPECT THE TRAIN**

## RIDING SEPTA

- ALWAYS hold onto your children's hand when waiting for transit services
- Don't let your children wander – transit areas are busy places
- If you're standing while you ride, HOLD ON TIGHT to the poles or seat rails
- Watch your step closely and make sure you have a firm footing when getting on or off
- Read posted emergency evacuation instructions so you'll know what to do in the event of an emergency. Be ALERT for instructions from the Conductor/Operator or authorized personnel



## TRACKS ARE NOT FOR PEOPLE

- Walking along the track right-of-way or crossing the tracks is TRESPASSING
- It could prove to be a fatal mistake
- Approaching trains and trolleys can be very quiet, especially when there is snow on the ground or the weather is damp
- Approaching trains and trolleys can seem to appear suddenly if you're listening to music with a headset or ear buds, or when you're talking on a cell phone and not paying attention to your surroundings
- A moving train or trolley can't steer out of the way of an object or person, and it takes much more effort to slow or stop than a car
- A train or trolley that you think is far enough away to give you time to illegally cross the tracks can reach you in seconds – it's just not worth the risk



## MARKET FRANKFORD & BROAD STREET LINES

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- Make sure your bags and clothing are clear of closing doors
- DON'T lean against the doors
- DON'T attempt to open the train doors. Doors are held tightly closed to keep you safe
- DON'T hold doors open – there will be another train
- NEVER attempt to board or exit a moving train – avoid the risk of serious injury
- DON'T pass between the cars when the train is moving – wait until you arrive at a station and use the platform to switch cars



## NORRISTOWN HIGH SPEED LINE

- Stay BEHIND the yellow line on the station platform until the train has come to a complete stop
- Be ALERT for Express trains – don't assume every train is stopping at your station
- ALWAYS be aware of the gap between the train and the station platform



## TROLLEYS

- The safest place to wait for the trolley is the sidewalk or the boarding island
- DON'T step out in front of an approaching trolley – it may not be picking up customers
- NEVER trespass by walking along side or in the track area
- NEVER cross the tracks. ALWAYS use the designated cross walk and look both ways before crossing
- A trolley will go through a road crossing when it has the "right-of-way" signal – ALWAYS STOP and WAIT until it passes
- NEVER walk directly in front of or behind a trolley. Maintain a safe distance within sight of the Operator
- Stay alert around street intersections – ALWAYS STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing the street for other traffic
- DON'T STAND NEAR or DISTRACT your operator while the vehicle is moving