



Keeping communities safe

Why does it matter?

At Network Rail we believe that outstanding business performance and outstanding safety performance go hand in hand. Essential to our vision is a culture in which everyone working on the railway makes safety their number one priority every day.

With unauthorised people on the rail network currently accounting for almost all of railway-induced fatalities – and suicides accounting for over two thirds – keeping communities safe remains at the heart of all expansion plans and on-going management of the railway.

Highly recommended activities

You should speak to your route Community Safety Manager (reports to the Head of Route Safety Health and Environment) who is responsible for delivering the community safety strategy. You can support this strategy by working on the suggested activities below, and remember – you can use volunteer leave to deliver these activities if you are a Network Rail employee.

Suggested activities

Below are some suggested activities you could deliver to help keep communities safe.

- Go to a school to promote the importance of rail safety to young people.
- Identify local safety hotspots and deliver diversionary activities, in partnership with your Community Safety Manager.
- Paint over graffiti in the local area as a way of discouraging trespass and vandalism on the railway. Using local artists to paint rail safety messages over existing graffiti is a good way of promoting our commitment to keeping communities safe. You can contact your route Community Rail Manager for support with this, and can contact Alexander Maltby to help identify your contact.
- Work with a safety-focused charity such as St John Ambulance or the British Red Cross to support the delivery of safety information at events.
- Bringing young people to your site and demonstrating the importance of rail safety in a 'live' environment.
- Offer the rail industry's Suicide Prevention training, delivered by the Samaritans, to all staff on the project to give them the knowledge to prevent railway suicide. Ensure all staff have seen Network Rail's suicide prevention briefing video and signals drama, and that they are issued with Network Rail's suicide prevention tactics card.



How do you measure success?

Implement and monitor activity that results in an improvement to safety performance figures and improved safety outcomes for rail and station users. You could also consider safety outcomes for the public and/or our workers across Network Rail and the supply chain.

Key performance indicators

- Number of safety education events held, and number of participants with increased knowledge on rail safety
- % of staff trained on suicide prevention
- % of staff trained in first aid skills
- Number of volunteering days invested focused on 'keeping communities safe'.