

Stop
Look
Listen
Beware
of trains
Warning
Do not trespass
on the railway
Penalty £1000



LEVEL CROSSING SAFETY

DOG WALKERS USER GUIDE

In association with



LOOK
LISTEN
LIVE

Please take care Dog Walkers



It's easy to get distracted, especially when your dog is off its lead. **Even if your dog is fully trained keep it on a short lead when crossing to remove distractions and keep control.**



Don't assume there is only one train or use previous experience to guess when the train is coming. Trains can come from either direction at any time. **Check both ways before crossing – if there is a train coming, don't cross.**



Stop, look, listen. Follow signs and instructions. **Cross quickly when clear and keep your dog on a short lead.**

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In the last five years there were 186 incidents involving people with dogs at level crossings. So please take care and keep your dog on its lead.

In the last five years there have been:



5 FATALITIES
AT LEVEL CROSSINGS



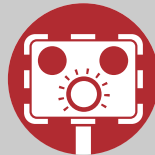
Stop, look, listen sign

- 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 and don't wait on the crossing while your group is crossing.



Warning lights

- Many crossings have amber, red and green lights. Stop as soon as the amber or red lights come on, as this means a train is approaching. Crossings should only be crossed when either no lights or green lights are showing.

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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 – 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.
- 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 take care 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, take care as trains can often be delayed and timetables can change.