



#CrossSAFE Backgrounder

What is #CrossSAFE?

Railway collisions and trespassing incidents in Canada are on the rise, leading to more serious injuries and fatalities. It's time to talk with kids, teens and adults about this serious issue, and how to stay safe from harm in railway areas.

During our 2017-2018 #CrossSAFE campaign, Parachute wants kids, teens and adults to #CrossSAFE - by learning and following safe practices around railway tracks and/or property. Parachute and our community partners plan to host community and school events throughout 2017 and 2018, and we are looking for even more groups to participate! We will also encourage kids, teens, parents and community partners to join the conversation on social media, using the hashtag #CrossSAFE.

How Can You Get Involved?

Download our free tip-sheets and share them, and help us spread rail safety messages on social media too! Check out parachutecanada.org/CrossSAFE for free resources and updates on what communities are doing near you. Please email Isabel at icupryn@parachutecanada.org for more information on how you can participate.

Rail Safety: the Facts

- Even under emergency braking, a train can take up to 2 km to stop!
- Trespassing on railway tracks, yards, tunnels and bridges, which are private property, could lead to a fine of up to \$50,000. It's also the leading cause of railway related fatalities and injuries!
- Most incidents occur at crossings equipped with active warning devices - obeying signals saves lives
- Trains can overhang the tracks by a meter on each side - keep away!
- Today's trains are fast and extremely quiet - so being distraction-free near railways is critical
- Virtually all railway crossing collisions and trespass incidents are preventable - let's stop injury in its tracks

Rail-related injury and loss of life is a serious issue, which needs attention.

Help us prevent tragedy and save lives!

Sources: See <http://www.parachutecanada.org/programs/item/2428>