

RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY



If your vehicle becomes hung up or stalls on a railroad crossing:

Locate the Crossing Information

Most railroad crossings have information that identifies their location, the railroad that uses that track, and an emergency 800 contact number. This information is important when your vehicle is caught on the crossing and/or in some way blocks the track.

Locate the U.S. DOT Inventory Crossing Number (six numbers and a letter) that identifies your location, and the toll-free emergency contact number. These numbers are usually found on the crossbuck post or the post where the crossing gates are secured.

Call the phone number provided

Report your emergency, the Inventory Crossing Number and the name of the street or road.

Example of posted sign.



988 988 E

Example of U.S. DOT Inventory Crossing Number. This number can usually be found on the sign with contact information.

In an Emergency Report this Information

To 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX
 Crossing # XXX-XXXX
 Street or Road Name

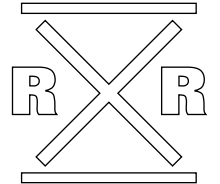
ADVANCE WARNING SIGN

Posted on side of the road to denote railroad tracks ahead.



PAVEMENT MARKING

Denotes railroad crossing ahead.



CROSSBUCK

Posted at crossing.



HUMPED – HIGH PROFILE CROSSING

Low clearance vehicles should not attempt to cross. You may get hung up on tracks.



CROSSBUCK and FLASHING LIGHTS

A train is coming –DO NOT cross!



CROSSBUCK, LOWERED GATES and FLASHING LIGHTS

A train is coming –DO NOT cross!
 DO NOT drive around the gates!



IF A TRAIN COMES

If your vehicle becomes hung up or stalls on the crossing, get everyone out and keep a safe distance from the tracks. If time permits before exiting, turn on the vehicle's emergency lighting system (strobe light, flashers). If you hear or see a train approaching, move everyone at the crossing *away from the tracks in the direction of the oncoming train*. When a locomotive strikes a vehicle, it pushes it forward. By heading in the direction of the oncoming locomotive you will be moving away from any debris resulting from the impact.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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www.fra.dot.gov (202) 493-6024
 Federal Highway Administration
www.fhwa.dot.gov (202) 366-1153
 Federal Transit Administration
www.fta.dot.gov (202) 366-4043
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
www.nhtsa.dot.gov (202) 366-9550