



Rail Safety

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Understanding risks, safety precautions and rules is an important part of PSHE. Many of our students use the rail networks to commute to school and we all have a responsibility to use these public services in a way which minimises risk to ourselves and others. Appreciating the role of passengers and staff is important, as is understanding emerging issues such as changes in technology and drones.

Key Ideas

Level Crossings

A place where a road or path crosses the rail line.

Always stop, look and listen before crossing; never rush through barriers.

Trespassing

Going onto the railway without permission.

It's illegal and very dangerous to walk along tracks or enter railway areas when unauthorised.

Overhead lines

Extremely high voltage electric wires above the track.

Stay away. EVEN WITHOUT TOUCHING electricity at this voltage can jump and cause fatal injury.

Drone Rules

UK Law bans flying drones near railway tracks or stations without permission.

You must NOT fly a drone within 50 metres of a train station.

Train Speed

Trains can travel at 125 miles per hour. They often cannot stop quickly or easily.

Never try to beat a train at a crossing, they are moving quicker than they appear to the naked eye.

Platform Safety

Rules designed to keep us safe when waiting for or departing trains. Wait for passengers to exit before entering a train.

Always stand behind the yellow lines, do not throw items or litter on the track and never run or push.

Rail Crime Consequences

Illegal behaviour can lead to arrest and injury.

Throwing things at trains, damaging railway property, or trespassing such as climbing on trains or signal towers etc. Some of these actions can be fatal.

Emergency Help

Help staff and points are available for rail emergencies.

Use the emergency button at the station if someone is in danger.

Further Information and Resources:

[Network Rail - Student Safety](#) [Office of Rail and Road Safety](#)

[National Rail - Safety](#) [RSSB- Rail Safety and Standards Board](#)