

## Moving ahead On the level



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***Our Community Safety Managers work with the British Transport Police, local Police services, local councils, Highways Authorities and other key partners to hold safety awareness days to help educate local communities on the safe use of level crossings.***

There are approximately 9,000 level crossings in the UK, of which Network Rail manages 6,592 active, open crossings.

The other level crossings are a mixture of crossings that are on a non-operational part of the railway, temporarily closed, or unused because they have become redundant

Our level crossing safety awareness events give us the opportunity to remind people how to stay safe at level crossings by using the crossing correctly.

We provide a high visibility presence during peak times at key level crossings and talk to all level crossing users, pedestrians and motorists, handing out leaflets that ask users, 'Would it Kill You to Wait'?

In conjunction with these events, we issue safety information to local MPs and councillors, as well as the local media and community groups who assist us in spreading the safety message even further.

In 2009/10 we held 111 level crossing events, talking to thousands of level crossing users, reinforcing our national awareness campaign 'Dont Run the Risk'. We run hard-hitting adverts on prime-time national television, radio and in national and local press, all to help reduce misuse of level crossings and keep our communities safe.

We have also committed £10m to our national level crossing closure programme.

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