



3 Safe ways to cross the railway.

- Use an over bridge or subway tunnel to cross running lines.
- Use dedicated foot crossings appropriately.
- Level crossings.

Fatal incidents and disruption caused by Trespass and Vandalism on the railway.

Trespass and vandalism of railway infrastructure cause millions of pounds worth of damage and puts lives in danger. We are actively targeting those who commit this type of crime. Trespass may not sound like a serious offence but, it can be a major safety hazard. Vandals putting obstructions in front of trains, hanging concrete blocks from bridges and throwing stones are sadly daily occurrences. These crimes can lead to serious injury or death and can even derail trains.

Trespass often leads to other offences; it is difficult to commit vandalism or to obstruct trains without trespassing. Route crime costs the rail industry £150million per year and causes 486 days worth of delays. It costs passengers too. If trespassers are seen on railway lines, it can mean trains are held, current switched off and staff diverted from their duties. Similarly, vandalism can cause massive disruption; it is expensive to repair. If passenger facilities such as toilets are targeted, the decision could be taken to close them rather than reinvest in new ones.

“Every day, we police the journeys of over six million passengers and 400,000 tonnes of freight over 10,000 miles of track. We believe travelling is about more than just getting there. It’s about ensuring safety and security all the way”.

“How many volts run through the overhead cables?”

There are 25,000 volts running through the overhead cable on the railway network, you only need to be 3 metres away from the cable for the electricity to arc and cause serious injury or death. So keep umbrellas and other objects well away from the cables.

Never cross the railway tracks where it is not authorised to do so. Before crossing a foot crossing always look both ways repeatedly and listen carefully before crossing sometimes you can't hear a train coming before you see it. When crossing the foot crossing walk across the designated

path and don't stray off onto the tracks.

Trains can travel up to 125 mph it is vital you cross with caution.

Obstruction and trespassing on the Railway are **criminal offences** which can result in a person being arrested and fined up to **£1000 for trespassing and imprisonment for obstruction of the railway.**

Network Rail and British Transport Police (BTP) are working in partnership to improve the safety and security of the railway and to detect and prosecute any offenders.

If you wish to report any information to us, please call us on Freephone **0800 40 50 40** or text the information to **61016**.