



NEVER TAKE SHORTCUTS ACROSS THE TRACKS

Some rails carry high-voltage electricity powerful enough to cause catastrophic injuries, horrific burns or worse.

**NO
SECOND
CHANCES**

DOES IT FEEL LIKE A QUICK SHORTCUT? IS IT WORTH THE RISK?



It isn't. The consequences could be life-changing or worse.

You might know the area. You might have crossed there before. But stepping onto the railway anywhere other than a designated crossing is trespassing – even if it's only to retrieve a dropped item.

A shortcut across the tracks could result in a fine and a criminal record, leave you with catastrophic injuries, or even cost you your life.

Never take shortcuts across the railway.

THE DANGERS AREN'T ALWAYS OBVIOUS

Trains

- Trains can travel at speeds of up to **125mph**.
- Modern trains can be much quieter than you expect.
- Trains run at any time, including freight and non-stopping services that may not appear on passenger timetables.
- Trains cannot swerve and can take more than a mile to stop. Even if the driver sees you, it may already be too late.

Electricity

- The electric rail carries **750 volts**. Step on it, and it can hold you in its grip.
- You don't need to touch overhead lines to be seriously injured – electricity can arc through the air.
- Electric shock can cause catastrophic burns, life-changing injuries or worse.
- If someone comes into contact with the electric rail, **never touch them**. **Call 999** immediately.

NEVER FORGET

- A quick shortcut across the railway is trespassing.
- Familiarity does not make the railway safe.
- Just because you can't see a train doesn't mean it's safe.
- Always use a designated crossing, even if it takes longer.

**NO
SECOND
CHANCES**