



Subject: Network Rail - Railway Safety and free Thomas the Tank E-book

Good Afternoon

As a Community Safety Manager at Network Rail it is my role to ensure people understand the dangers both on and near the railway and the far reaching consequences of someone's decision to trespass. We often find that there is an increase in young people trespassing when they are not in school, so it is very important we push this message now schools have been closed due to COVID-19.

As I am unable to deliver assemblies in schools at present I wanted to ask if you could please share some key safety messages on your school website/social media for both students and parents to help ensure they understand the dangers surrounding the railway especially when out on walks and using level crossings.

Key messages:

- The trains are still running (although this may be at different times to usual so never presume you know when the next train will pass)
- It is against the law to trespass on the railway and can result in a fine of £1000
- The Electricity is ALWAYS switched on around the railway
- Always Stop, Look and Listen before using a Level Crossing
- If you see anybody not following the rules please report it to the British Transport Police via the text number 61016, in an emergency always call 999.

For younger pupils you can download our Stay Safe with Thomas story for free as an e-book at www.networkrail.co.uk/thomas

You can also access educational resources via our website at <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/primary-school-resources>

If you would like any additional information or would be interested in a rail safety assembly once schools are back please let me know, there is no cost to the school.

Thank you in advance for helping me keep our communities safe when near the railway.

Kind Regards

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