



SAFETY FIRST

Railroad Crossing Safety



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Professionals in the solid waste and resource management industry spend a lot of time on the road, which includes navigating through railroad crossings. Here are some important safety tips for railroad crossings, whether you're on foot or in a vehicle:



Be aware. Reduce distractions such as using mobile phones or listening to loud music when approaching or crossing railroad tracks.



Obey warning signals. Respect all railroad crossing signals, lights, bells, and gates. Never attempt to cross if the signals indicate an approaching train.



Stop, look, and listen. Before crossing, CDL truck drivers must slow safely to a complete stop and look both ways along the tracks for any approaching trains.



Know when to go. Never shift gears or change direction while crossing tracks, as this could cause your vehicle to stall or get stuck.

By following these safety tips and incorporating them into your daily routines, you create a safer work environment for yourself and your colleagues.

For more information on railroad crossing safety or to access additional resources, visit the SWANA website or consult your organization's safety guidelines. Together, we can make railroad crossings safer for all industry workers.

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