



OFFICE OF RAIL REGULATION

## Railway Level Crossings on Farms Safety notice

Every year people and farm vehicles are struck by trains while operating user worked level crossings on farmland. These simple rules will help to prevent deaths and injuries:



**Follow the instructions** given on the signs at the crossing every time you cross.



Always open the gates on **both sides** of the railway before taking a vehicle over the crossing. Make sure your exit from the crossing is **clear**.



Always **close** the gates on both sides of the railway **immediately** after use. This will prevent the next user driving straight across the railway without stopping.



If you employ staff or contractors or invite visitors, make sure that you have told them **how** to use the crossing safely.



If you get stuck on the crossing, get yourself and passengers out of the vehicle and clear of the crossing **immediately**. Inform Network Rail (or relevant railway operator) of the circumstances as quickly as possible.



**Never** attempt to cross if you can see or hear a train approaching and never stop your vehicle on or close to the railway lines.



**Train speeds are deceptive**. Don't be fooled into thinking that you can 'beat' an approaching train. The train will not normally be able to stop.



**Abnormal loads**, including vehicles that are unusually slow moving, require special arrangements to be made. You should contact Network Rail (or relevant railway operator) who will make arrangements to allow the vehicle to cross the line safely.

Report damaged or defective crossings to Network Rail **08457 11 41 41**

Report misuse to:

British Transport Police on **0800 40 50 40** or Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**