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How Well Can You Score for Safety?

Trains are part of everyday life. Don’t be confused by people who tell you that rust on the tracks means they’re out-of-use. They’re made of steel—it rusts! See if you can tell rusty myths from steely reality. Are you up to the challenge?

Answer these questions, true or false:

1. Walking on railroad tracks, or the rights-of-way on either side of them, is illegal. **TRUE.** Walking on railroad tracks is illegal. It can take a mile or more to stop a train. That’s 18 football fields! Even if the locomotive engineer spots you ahead, he cannot swerve or stop the train in time to avoid a collision.

2. You will be safe if you do not walk between the rails. **FALSE.** Trains overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet in both directions. Loose straps hanging from freight cars may extend much further.

3. It is safe to cross the tracks anywhere as long as you can see 1/4 mile in each direction. **FALSE.** The only safe place to cross is at a designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a gate. If you cross at any other place, you are trespassing and can be ticketed or fined.

4. A locomotive is not always at the front of a train. **TRUE.** Trains are sometimes pushed by locomotives instead of being pulled. Trains can move in either direction at any time—particularly commuter and light rail passenger trains.

5. It is safe to cross the tracks as soon as the last car of a train passes the crossing. **FALSE.** Your view of a second train might be blocked by the first. Wait until the lights have stopped flashing and the gate is up. Be vigilant for stopped trains until you are on the other side.

6. A pedestrian is safe to ignore the flashing red lights at the crossing. **FALSE.** Flashing red lights signal the approach of a train. Never walk past the flashing red lights without knowing the train’s path.

7. Crossing tracks with a baby stroller or wheelchair is forbidden. **TRUE.** If you are in the rail yard or on railroad property uninvited, you are trespassing and subject to arrest.

8. Playing on rail equipment, tracks or railcars is forbidden. **TRUE.** If you are in the rail yard or on railroad property uninvited, you are trespassing and subject to arrest.

9. Crossing tracks with a baby stroller, in a wheelchair, or on other narrow wheels requires caution and extra attention. **TRUE.** Narrow wheels can get stuck on the tracks, causing safety hazards. If possible, carry the child, or get assistance to cross safely.

10. A 90-degree angle is the best way to cross tracks. **FALSE.** You can see clearly in both directions can see clearly in both directions. Your view of a second train might be blocked by the first. Wait until the lights have stopped flashing and the gate is up. Be vigilant for stopped trains until you are on the other side.

How did you score? Check your answers:

1. True
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. False
6. False
7. True
8. True
9. True
10. False