



# LIGHT RAIL GREEN LINE



# LIGHT RAIL SAFETY TIPS

SAFETY IS # 1. Light rail is a quick and easy way to get around town, but you should always obey the warning signs near the tracks and rail stations. Review these simple safety tips to stay safe around light rail.

## LOOK AROUND AT RAIL STATIONS

- Trains can come on any track, at any time, from either direction. So be sure to look both ways before crossing.
- Trains move faster than they appear and can't stop as quickly as a car.
- Be alert near platforms and intersections. Loud music, headphones and mobile devices can distract you.

## LISTEN UP! TRAINS ARE QUIET

- Unlike freight trains, you might not hear a light-rail train approaching.
- Pay attention near the tracks. Listen for horns and warning bells.
- Look both ways before crossing the tracks by car, bicycle or on foot.

## TRACKS AREN'T A PLACE TO EXPLORE

- Never walk or play on tracks – it's dangerous and illegal.
- Cross tracks only in designated areas. Never bike or skateboard on the tracks.

## REMINDER FOR DRIVERS

- Trains don't have steering wheels and can't swerve out of your way.
- Never try to beat a train through a traffic light. The train is so fast it can pass through an intersection in only a few seconds.
- Obey all traffic signals and warning signs.

### Schools on the Green Line:



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The Metro Green Line will cover 11 miles, connecting downtown Minneapolis to downtown Saint Paul and neighborhoods in between. Now is the time to learn how to be safe around the light rail trains and tracks. **Light rail safety starts with YOU!**



## TEST YOUR LIGHT-RAIL KNOWLEDGE

Take this quiz to stay safe around light rail trains.

### QUESTION 1:

It's OK to race across the tracks when a train is approaching.

- a** As long as you get a running start
- b** When the train isn't TOO close – the train's driver will surely see you and stop
- c** NEVER!

**CORRECT ANSWER C:**

It will take a train on the METRO Green Line 220 feet to stop when moving at its top speed. That's longer than two basketball courts. Basically, it's you against more than 50 tons of metal.

### QUESTION 2:

Is it safe to walk along the tracks?

- a** Sure – when I can see the train
- b** Only if I don't get caught
- c** No way

**CORRECT ANSWER C:**

It's never safe to walk along the tracks. Tracks have switches that can move at any time and can easily trap your foot – or worse! Cross only where signs say it's OK to do so.

### QUESTION 3:

What should I do if I'm in a car that stalls on the tracks?

- a** Stay in the car and text message or call your friends for help
- b** Stand on the tracks and use your superpowers to stop the train
- c** Scram!

**CORRECT ANSWER C:**

Get yourself and anyone else as far away from the car as quickly as you can.

### QUESTION 4:

How do you know a train is coming?

- a** The schedule says so
- b** There's an app for that
- c** You don't

**CORRECT ANSWER C:**

A train can come at any time, from either direction, just like cars on a highway. Turn down your mobile device and remove your headphones near the platform and rail crossings. And always LOOK BOTH WAYS before crossing.

### QUESTION 5:

Flying kites or model planes near the overhead wire is...

- a** An experiment in physics
- b** A relaxing way to spend an afternoon
- c** Stupid

**CORRECT ANSWER C:**

Those wires carry 750 volts of energy and should be treated just like power lines. Keep everything away from the overhead wires or you could be electrocuted.

## Be Smart. Be Safe.

