



Capital Metro will begin service of its fast-moving, quiet, MetroRail trains soon. This is an exciting time for us, and we look forward to beginning full passenger service. However, we recognize that there are some very important safety reminders that we need to emphasize. Please visit our rail safety website at: www.stayoffthetracks.com to view a Rail Safety PSA for adults and a Rail Safety Cartoon for kids.

Please remember to use caution when crossing the train tracks.

The new Capital MetroRail trains will be traveling as fast as a car and are almost as quiet.

Your safety is in your hands. Here are some tips to help you stay safe.

- Stay alert and pay attention around train tracks; any time is train time.
- Trains can't swerve; they must follow the tracks, so cars and people must stay off the tracks to avoid being hit by a train. **NEVER STOP YOUR CAR ON THE TRACKS!**
- It can take up to one mile to stop a freight train and up to 600ft. (two football fields) to stop a commuter train like the MetroRail. **NEVER WALK ON THE TRACKS!**
- Always expect a train at any time, in either direction, on any track, and always watch for a second train.
- Look, Listen and Live! Loud music and headphones can keep you from hearing a train.

MetroRail trains are quiet and can come up on you before you know they are there. When crossing the tracks in a car at an unprotected crossing, please stop and always look both ways. As an extra safety precaution, roll down your windows and turn down the radio to listen for the horn. If you see a train coming, wait. The MetroRail trains will travel up to 65 miles per hour in some areas, and the freight trains will continue to run during non-MetroRail hours.

In order to ensure that our communities understand this important safety message, Capital Metro is working with community leaders on a Rail Safety Outreach Initiative. The outreach began in March 2007 and has continued for the last 3 years. If you would like a MetroRail or rail safety presentation for your neighborhood, community group, or business, please let us know.

Thank you,

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