Hi, I’m Crissy Crossbuck! This special booklet will help you to learn how to be safe around the railroad tracks in your community. Remember – this is now an active railroad!

Crissy’s Three Track SMART Rules
1. TRACKS ARE FOR TRAINS—not for games
2. NEVER TAKE A SHORTCUT across the tracks
3. ONLY cross the tracks at a RAILROAD CROSSING sign
Always expect a train!
SMART trains and freight trains use railroad tracks throughout the day and night. Trains can come down the tracks at any time.

Use the code to complete this important safety rule.

_______ walk, ________, or ________ on or near the tracks—it is dangerous and illegal.

_______ walk, ________, or ________ near the _______. ________ are for ________ only!

= AGAINST  = NEAR
= TRACKS  = LAW
= PLAY  = TRAINS
= BIKE  = NEVER

More Ways to be Track SMART:
• Never take a shortcut across the tracks!
  Cross tracks only where you see a railroad crossing sign, and obey all signs, gates and warning signals.
• Never try to race a train! By the time the train engineer can see you and hits the brake, it is too late for the train to stop in time.

The SMART train is running and is now part of our community. It’s important for all of us to ________ about safety rules near all tracks and trains. Remember, trains can run on the tracks from either direction at any time. Following railroad safety rules is important.

SMART trains can travel as fast as 79 miles per hour— ________ than cars go on the freeway! These trains and crossings have all of the important ________ features including crossing gates, lights, and signs so that we can be ________ near tracks and trains. However, we all need to think safety ________ near tracks, trains, and at station platforms.
Let's take a shortcut home across these train tracks!

I don't see a train coming. Let's go!

WHOA! It's not only dangerous to take a shortcut across the train tracks...

...it's also against the law!

Walking on railroad tracks is trespassing! It's dangerous and illegal to take a shortcut across the tracks!

Be Track SMART! The only safe place to cross is at a RAILROAD CROSSING sign—it looks like me!

Ready to ride the SMART train?

Are you taking a ride on the SMART train? Remember to think safety first! Always stay behind the yellow strip while you wait for the train. Never run or play on the platform—that includes riding your bike, scooter, or skateboard.

Tracks and platforms are for trains, and not for games.

Before you get on board, ALWAYS stay behind the yellow strip, and give people room to get off the train first. Once they exit the train, then you can safely get on board.

Once you get on the train and find your seat, sit back, relax and enjoy the ride!

All Aboard!!
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Visit our railroad safety website at www.BeTrackSMART.org and click the “Rail Safety Education” link to find the presentation request form.

SMART works with Operation Lifesaver, a national non-profit dedicated to railroad safety education.

Are You Track SMART?

Help your friends and family learn how to be safe at railroad crossings. Visit www.oli.org today.