



# ATTENTION:

RESIDENTS OF SAN SABA  
& LAMPASAS COUNTIES

**RAIL LINES NOW ACTIVE —  
STAY ALERT AND EXPECT TRAINS AT ALL TIMES**

## TRACK SAFETY BASICS:

1. Freight trains don't travel at fixed times. **Always expect a train.**
2. All train tracks are private property. **Never walk on tracks; it's illegal to trespass and highly dangerous.**
3. It takes the average freight train traveling 55 mph more than a mile — the length of 18 football fields—to stop. **Trains cannot stop quickly.**
4. The average locomotive weighs about 400,000 pounds or 200 tons; it can weigh up to 6,000 tons. This makes the weight ratio of a car to a train proportional to that of a soda can to a car.
5. **Trains have the right of way 100% of the time** over pedestrians and vehicles.
6. **Stay off railroad property.** Always assume railroad tracks are in use, even if there are weeds or the track looks unused.
7. **Trains can move on any track, in either direction at any time.** Sometimes its cars are pushed by locomotives instead of being pulled.
8. Trains are quieter and moving faster than you think – only trains belong on the tracks. **Today's trains are quieter than ever, producing no telltale "clackety-clack".**
9. Remember to **cross train tracks ONLY at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings** and obey warning signs and signals posted there.
10. **Stay alert around railroad tracks.** Refrain from texting, using headphones or other distractions that would prevent you from hearing an approaching train; never mix rails and recreation.

