

Metro Reminds Everyone That "Safety Begins With You" Around Metro Trains

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September is Rail Safety Month

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) commemorates Rail Safety Month in September by launching a comprehensive rail safety campaign that reminds everyone that "Safety Begins With You" and to practice safe behavior around Metro trains at all times.

The campaign launches Sept. 1 in the communities along Metro's rail lines, including those in South Los Angeles near the soon-to-open K Line. The campaign educates both pedestrian and drivers on the importance of train safety and includes several special Metro Safety Kids videos that focus on the key Do's and Don'ts when riding Metro trains. The safety videos will be promoted throughout September on YouTube, Connected TV, Spotify, Snapchat, and TikTok. Each video promotes a safety message:

- Always stay behind the yellow line (https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DPyKnxw7IHx0%26list%3DPLI3M8RkN4ImCD1o19pXv9mzsgKVNzH7O%26index%3D2&data=05%7C01%7CUBaldoj%40metro.net%7C%2F%2Ffile:///C:/Users/soterod/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/198T9VEQ/Look%20both%20ways)
- Never walk on train tracks (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-ODx3v9yI8)
- No bike riding on platform (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6O2TV1hKQT8)

"As we approach the opening of Metro's K Line later this year, rail safety couldn't be more important for the communities who will live, work and play next to this new rail line," said Ara Najarian, Metro Board Chair and City of Glendale Councilmember. "We urge everyone to practice safe behavior around Metro trains as we continue to expand the Metro Rail System throughout our county."

In addition to Rail Safety Month activities, Metro's Rail Safety team will join with Metrolink and Amtrak to kick off Rail Safety Month with interactive informational booths at Los Angeles Union Station's East Portal on Thursday, September 1 from 7:30 am to 10 a.m.

Metro will also add safety-related messages on the exterior of Metro trains to remind patrons how to practice train safety.

Metro's Rail Safety Program seeks to increase awareness of rail safety through interactive and informative educational programs. The team conducts workshops year-round to provide educational information and safety tips when riding or interacting with trains in the communities along Metro's light rail system.

"The safety of Metro's customers is our top priority, and that includes the safety of kids on and around our system," said Stephanie N. Wiggins, CEO of Metro. "Rail Safety Month gives us an opportunity to highlight our rules and best practices for safe riding and remind the public that rail safety is everyone's responsibility."

Metro reminds all pedestrians, motorists, cyclists and commuters to follow these safety tips near train rails and stations:

- Never walk on or around train tracks.
- Never go around lowered crossing gates.
- Obey all warning signals and devices.
- Look and listen for trains in both directions.
- Never run to catch the train.

To learn more about Metro's Rail Safety Program, visit metro.net/railsafety.

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