Railroad Crossing Safety Checklist

Crossing or route reviewed

Driver / date / vehicle and cargo

Location / crossing ID if known

Before the tracks

- ☐ Identify low-ground-clearance warnings and steep approaches. Do not attempt a crossing if clearance is uncertain.
- ☐ Check that the entire combination can clear the tracks and reach safe space beyond them. Never queue across a crossing.
- ☐ Reduce speed so you can stop before the nearest rail. Look and listen for trains, check all tracks, and obey lights, gates, signs, and flaggers.

When a stop is required

- ☐ For vehicles covered by 392.10, stop 15 to 50 feet from the tracks unless a listed exception applies. Look and listen before proceeding.
- ☐ Confirm the route is clear, choose a gear that permits crossing without a shift, and do not change gears on the tracks.
- ☐ Never drive around a lowered gate or assume a second track is clear after one train passes.

If the vehicle is stuck or disabled on the tracks

Get everyone out and well away from the tracks immediately. From a safe place, call the railroad emergency number on the blue Emergency Notification System sign and give the crossing ID and location. Call 911 as well. Do not stay in or return to the vehicle to attempt a repair.

Route concern / alternate route / follow-up

49 CFR 392.10 49 CFR 392.11 FRA: Crossing emergency notification