Rules of Light Rail Safety

Practice safety while waiting for a train

• Always stand behind the textured warning strips.

• Don’t stand on/near the tracks. Trains have an overhang and may still hit you even if you are not on the track.

• Never step in front of a train. There is no need to step in front of the rail vehicle or flag it down. The vehicle will only stop at designated stops.

• Keep away from all overhead wires that power trains. These high voltage wires will cause serious injury.

• Always hold your child’s hand while waiting for the train.

As CATS prepares for the LYNX Blue Line, we want everyone to be safe. Stay alert and follow the rules!

Time Out For Safety!

For more information on CATS and LYNX Rapid Transit Services call 704-336-RIDE or visit www.ridetransit.org.
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Light rail is on the way! And, your safety on and near the LYNX Blue Line is CATS’ #1 priority. The following information will tell you how to stay safe around the light rail system.

Look, Listen, and Live

- **Never drive around lowered crossing gates.** It is illegal and dangerous. Even if you can’t see the rail vehicle, that doesn’t mean it isn’t coming.
- **Never race a train to a crossing.** You’ll always lose.
- **Trespassing on and around tracks is unlawful.** That means you may be subject to criminal prosecution for being and remaining on or near the track without authorization.
- **Trains can’t stop as quickly as you can.** It takes a light rail vehicle up to 600 feet (that’s two football fields) to come to a complete stop.
- **Rail and recreation don’t mix.** Rail vehicles and tracks are not the places for partying, pranks, or horseplay. CATS wants you to enjoy your rail experience in a responsible way.
- **Only cross tracks at designated crosswalks.** There are clearly marked signs showing you safe areas to cross the tracks.

- **Cross tracks straight on when riding a bicycle.** Cyclists must obey all traffic laws when at grade crossings.
- **Obey all rail traffic signs and signals.** They are there for your safety, not as an inconvenience.

Safety is everyone’s responsibility

- **Report all suspicious packages, activities, and/or persons on a train, at a station, or on the tracks.**
- **Trains always have the right-of-way.** All day, every day.
- **Never enter into a construction area.** It is dangerous, and only authorized personnel are allowed in construction areas. Being and remaining in construction areas without authorization will be considered trespassing.