

LEVEL CROSSING SIGNS

3 in 4 level crossings are equipped with flashing red lights and automatic barriers, or sometimes only manual barriers.

Level crossings where there are no barriers use a St. Andrews cross.

Signs on the approach to level crossings:



Specific signs:



PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO SIGNS.
SLOW DOWN.
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY PARTICULAR
DIFFICULTIES.

SANCTIONS APPLICABLE

In case of failure to stop at a red light:

- 4th class offence fine of €90 (up to €750).
- 4 points deducted on driving licence (up to suspension of driving licence for 3 years).

Entering the level crossing while the barriers are re-opening is also a 4th class offence.

In case of failure to comply with any of the provisions of the special transport permit relating to the crossing of level crossings.

- 5th class offence fine of €1500.
- Possible immobilisation of vehicle.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ROAD SAFETY
REGULATIONS MEANS YOU ARE PUTTING YOUR
OWN AND OTHERS' LIVES AT RISK.

For more details:

www.securite-passageaniveau.fr
www.sncf-reseau.fr

SPECIAL CONVOY THE DANGER ON THE TRACKS IS FASTER THAN YOU ARE



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CROSSING IN SAFETY

Pursuant to article 12 of the order dated 4 May 2006, all special convoys **should take measures prior to their journey** to ensure their transportation means allows them to cross level crossings in total safety.

4 PRE-REQUISITES FOR CROSSING A LEVEL CROSSING IN TOTAL SAFETY



1 Comply with maximum passing time

Be able to cross a level crossing within a maximum of 7 seconds.
Take care with long and heavy loads!
7 s = time interval between the activation of the lights and the lowering of the barriers.



2 Comply with maximum height at crossing

Ensure that the convoy does not exceed the maximum height allowed on the approach to the level crossing:

- Indicated by a gate either side of the railway and a sign indicating height limit.
- Height limit 4.8 m in the absence of a gate.

N.B.: The maximum height is greater than that required under a bridge due to risk of electric arcing between top of convoy and high-voltage wire!



3 Comply with ground clearance conditions

Systematically ensure in advance that the convoy complies with minimum road profile conditions. Especially for level crossings with humps or speed bumps.
Danger warning sign on approach to level crossing.



4 Comply with maximum passing width

For convoys greater than 2.55 m in width, take care to assess the traffic area before entering the level crossing.
Take care when passing another vehicle, as you can end up stuck on the tracks!

ROAD SAFETY RULES



Please adjust your speed accordingly

One of the two panels opposite are used to announce the presence of a level crossing.



Stop at a flashing red light or a stop sign

And only restart when the light has stopped flashing and the barrier is fully raised.



Only enter the level crossing if the way is clear

Stay sufficiently well clear of the vehicle in front.



Never stop on the railway track

Do not take the risk of getting stuck, do not change gear when crossing.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU BREAK DOWN

1 Clear the vehicle off the track by pushing it through the breakable barrier.



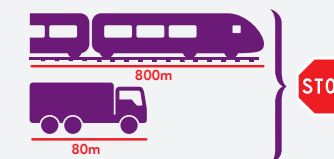
2 Evacuate all persons from the vehicle broken down on the tracks.



3 Use the orange telephone close by the level crossing to directly prevent the SNCF official at the nearest station.



THE DANGER ON THE TRACKS IS FASTER THAN YOU ARE



A train travelling at 90 km/h has a braking distance of 800 m
The stopping distance of a train is ten times that of a heavy goods vehicle.