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CN Police Want to Raise Awareness About Safe Behaviour at Rail Crossings during Rail Safety Week September 20-26 2021

RM of Morris, Sept. 10th, 2021 — CN Police officers are spreading a rail safety message in RM of Morris. Last year in North America, there were over 3,400 collisions with trains, resulting in over 2,200 serious injuries or fatalities. Rail safety is a core value at CN and CN Police wants to be a part of the effort to minimize the risk of accidents at rail crossings.

The only safe and legal place for pedestrians to cross train tracks is at a designated railway crossing. Vehicles should never drive around or under a lowered crossing gate arm, and they must make sure to stop no closer than 5 metres away from the nearest rail. They should never stop on the tracks, and they should proceed only if they are sure they can completely clear the crossing without stopping. Remember, the train is much wider than the tracks on both sides.

“Safety is a core value at CN and we want to take every opportunity to raise awareness on safe behaviour around rail. It is our job to make sure that the population of RM of Morris know that the only safe and legal place to cross railway tracks is at a designated railway crossing. It is important for CN Police officers to engage the population on the dangers related to a railway incident. We want everyone to Be Rail Smart: “Stop. Look. Listen. Live.”

- **Constable Mark Eagles, CN Police**

Safety tips at rail crossings for your audience:

- Be alert when approaching a railway crossing.
- Do not be distracted by electronic devices, other people, or for any reason.
- Obey all railway signs and warning devices, such as lights, bells and gates.
- Trains can come at any time, from either direction, and on any track. They also do not always run on a set schedule.
- Cross only after the warning signals have ceased and you are certain no other trains are approaching, from either direction, on any track.
- Although trains sound their whistles at most crossings, or in the case of an emergency, some crossings have a “quiet zone” by law in place.
- Be rail-smart: “Stop. Look. Listen. Live”.

For additional safety tips or other information regarding rail safety or CN Police, follow this link: <https://www.cn.ca/en/safety/cn-police-service/>

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