

## MARYLAND RAILROAD SAFETY

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Maryland's **Railroad Safety and Health** program works to provide a safer environment for all railroad employees, the citizens of Maryland and the visiting public alike. Working with other state and federal agencies as well as with the various railroads operating in or through the State of Maryland, it is our goal to maintain a safe railroad system.

Railroad Safety and Health provides regulatory compliance inspections in the areas of track, operating practices, locomotive and railcar equipment. These inspections are performed to help assure that state and federal regulations are met.

Even with routine inspections conducted by Railroad Safety and Health, the Federal Railroad Administration and the railroads themselves, Maryland is not without rail related injuries or fatalities. Safety on and about railroad operations require constant monitoring and vigilance to keep the many parts of the system operating safely and in unison.

### ***Commitment to Safety***

Your commitment to safety, whether visiting a tourist railroad, using passenger railroad transportation or crossing an at-grade road crossing, can help to make rail operations safer for everyone.

Railroads make a commitment to safety, as their employees receive weeks of specialized instruction and on the job training to become familiar with using the safest ways to work on or near railroad tracks. Understanding and practicing basic railroad safety can help you make a commitment to safety as well.



### **Railroad Safety and Health**

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[www.dllr.maryland.gov/labor/safety/](http://www.dllr.maryland.gov/labor/safety/)

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### Maryland Railroad Safety



### ***Inspecting for a Safer Maryland***

- *Motive Power & Equipment*
- *Track*
- *Operating Practices*

## ***Railroad Safety Tips***

- Do not trespass on railroad property. Trespassing is a leading cause of death in the railroad industry.
- Railroad property is private property and includes railroad tracks, rights-of-ways, structures, as well as rail yards and facilities.
- When crossing tracks, cross only at designated crossing areas.
- Remember you can not always hear a train coming.
- Stop, look and listen before crossing railroad tracks.
- Do not drive or walk around lowered crossing gates.
- Do not get stuck on the tracks. Be sure there is room to clear the tracks before you drive across.
- Understand that trains can not stop quickly or turn to miss you.
- Know that trains can come from any direction, at any time.
- Realize that there can be more than one train operating in an area.
- If you see a problem at a crossing, report the problem immediately.

## ***Railroad Facts***

CSXT serves commuter and rail passengers in Maryland. Both MARC and Amtrak trains travel on CSXT tracks. CSXT moves approximately 200,000 carloads of freight over 560 miles of track to 180 local customers. It also handles nearly one million tons of chemicals in Maryland. CSXT employs approximately 1,500 people in Maryland with an annual payroll of \$80 million.

Norfolk Southern operates trains over Amtrak's Northeast Corridor between Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. Norfolk Southern also operates major lines between Hagerstown and Harrisburg, Harrisburg and Perryville, and from Wilmington to Pocomoke City for a total of 287 route miles in Maryland.

The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad operates a 1916 Baldwin 2-8-0 steam locomotive.

The largest segment of the Amtrak Northeast Corridor is located in Maryland.

The B&O's ceremonial First Stone was laid on July 4, 1827 and marked the beginning of construction of America's first railroad.



Railroads operate throughout the State of Maryland and provide local and interstate freight and passenger rail services. Railroads operating in Maryland are part of Railroad Safety and Health's regulatory compliance inspection process.

Following are contact numbers for those railroads:

### Passenger railroads:

Amtrak – 800-331-0008

MARC – 866-743-3682

### Freight (Class One) railroads:

CSXT – 800-232-0144

Norfolk Southern – 800-453-2530

### Short Line Railroads:

Bay Coast Railroad – 757-331-1094

Canton – 410-633-9190

Maryland & Delaware – 410-754-5735

Maryland Midland – 410-775-7718

Patapsco & Back Rivers – 410-388-7929

Winchester & Western – 540-662-2600

### Tourist/Excursion Railroads:

B&O Railroad Museum – 410-752-2490

Walkersville Southern – 301-898-0899

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad –

1-800-TRAIN 50 (1-800-872-4650)

