

Are you tired of waiting at training crossings blocked by un-moving trains?



Did you know there are laws that govern the amount of time a train can block a crossing?

If you experience disruption in moving about our downtown because a train has blocked your access –

Transportation Canada needs to hear from you.

One Phone Call Can Help Make a Difference....

If a **train** has been **blocking** vehicle or pedestrian traffic at a train **crossing** for **5 minutes or longer** the railway company can be charged for failing to follow the prescribed rules.

Contact Transport Canada at **1-604-666-0011** to file a complaint and help remind the railway company that this is our community and we're tired of waiting for these trains to move!

To register a complaint you will need to know:

Time and date that the crossing was blocked

Crossing location (Either Lakeshore at Marine Park Drive or Lakeshore at Narcisse St NW /3rd Street NW)

Direction the train was headed

If possible the engine number

During business hours you will be connected with an Inspector who will record and investigate your complaint. After hours – please leave all details including your name and contact number in the message; a Transport Canada Inspector will follow up with you.

RAILWAY RULES – TRANSPORT CANADA: RULE # 103 - PUBLIC CROSSINGS AT GRADE

(a) When cars not headed by an engine are moving along a public road not protected by a fence or other barrier a crew member must be on the leading car, or on the ground, in a position to warn persons standing on, or crossing, or about to cross the track.

(b) When cars not headed by an engine, snow plow or other equipment equipped with a whistle and headlight, are moving over a public crossing at grade not protected by a watchman or gates, a crew member must provide manual protection of the crossing. EXCEPTION: Manual protection of the crossing is not required provided the crossing is equipped with automatic warning devices and a crew member is on the leading car to warn persons standing on, or crossing, or about to cross the track. This exception does not modify the application of Rule 103.1 a.

(c) No part of a train or engine may be allowed to stand on any part of a public crossing at grade, for a longer period than five minutes, when vehicular or pedestrian traffic requires passage. Switching operations at such crossing, must not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic for a longer period than five minutes at a time. When emergency vehicles require passage, employees must cooperate to clear public crossings at grade and private crossings as quickly as possible.

(d) Equipment must not be left standing within 100 feet of the travelled portion of a public or private crossing at grade, except where it is necessary to leave such equipment for loading or unloading.

For more information about Railway Safety, please contact:

Surface - Transport Canada

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