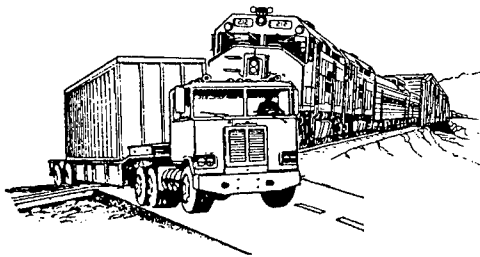


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## **TRUCKS AND TRACKS; AVOID THE HEADLINES**



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You may have seen newspaper headlines like these:

**Truck-Amtrak Crash Kills 14**

**4 Die in Fiery Train-Truck Wreck**

***Train Rams Semi Stalled on Track;  
Driver, Engineer Both Killed***

Were these "accidents?" Far from it! They were tragedies that could easily have been prevented.

How? By compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and by using just plain common sense.

The regulations require that trucks hauling hazardous materials must stop completely at all highway-rail grade crossings.

Common sense comes in by dictating that a driver should be driving slowly enough when approaching a grade crossing to stop if necessary.

And, common sense should tell you that trucks with low ground clearances can get hung up on high-profile grade crossings. In other words, plan your route to avoid that possibility.

The few minutes these precautions will cost you are worth the time you'll gain to make another delivery another day.

*(Educational materials to improve truck driver performance at highway-rail grade crossings may be obtained from Operation Lifesaver, 800-537-6224.)*

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