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NEWSLETTER

A Safe Start to the School Year

As summer winds down and students prepare to head back to school, August is a good time for families and teachers to talk about railway safety.

For many young people, railway tracks are a familiar part of their communities, but that familiarity can create a false sense of safety. Tracks, bridges, rail yards and other railway property are not shortcuts, walking paths or places to play. Trains can approach faster and more quietly than expected and require a significant distance to stop.

Students should be reminded to cross tracks only at designated crossings, obey all warning signs and signals, and never walk, bike or play on railway property. Phones and headphones should also be put away when approaching a crossing so they can see and hear what is happening around them.

As the new school year begins, a simple conversation about rail safety can help people recognize unsafe situations, make safer choices and build habits that last a lifetime.

Data from Jan 1 - July 31, 2026

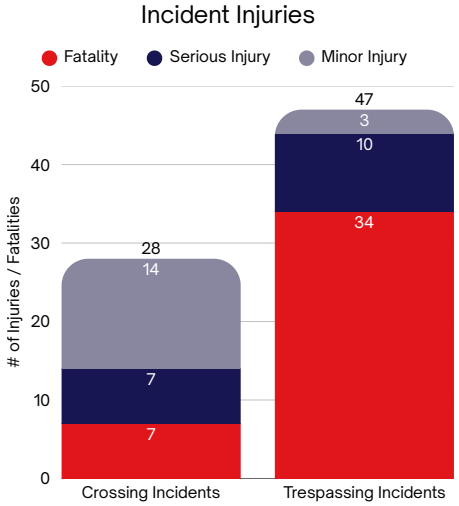
TOTAL INCIDENTS

115

Total Incidents YTD

CROSSING	TRESPASSING	FATALITIES
68	47	41
59%	41%	36%





KEY TAKEAWAYS

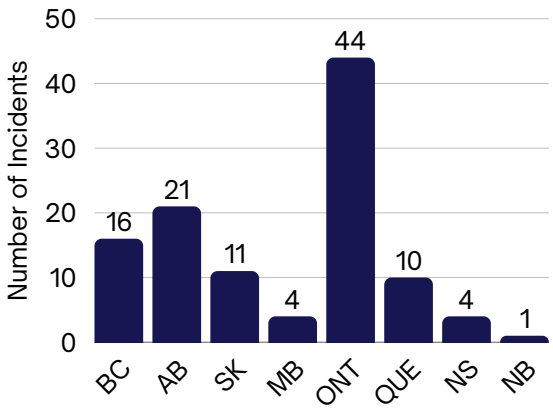
- 72% of trespassing incidents have been fatal - 34 fatalities from 47 trespassing incidents.
- 10% of crossing incidents have been fatal - 7 fatalities from 68 crossing incidents.
- Although trespassing incidents represent 41% of all incidents YTD, they have accounted for 83% of all fatalities.

When are incidents happening?

34% of crossing incidents and 38% of trespassing incidents have occurred between noon and 6 p.m.

Thursday is the most common day for crossing incidents, while Tuesday has recorded the most trespassing incidents.

Incidents by Province



Overall Monthly Incidents

Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
11	17	15	17	13	23	19					
10%	15%	13%	15%	11%	20%	17%					