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Don't let your guard down, use caution around trains

Even though the Ellsworth Loop Road underpass has relieved traffic congestion related to the railroad crossings, trains are still passing through Queen Creek every day and residents are reminded to take caution around trains and railroad tracks.

A train going 55 mph can take a mile or more to stop – that's about 20 football fields. By the time railroad crossing lights begin to flash, it can be as quickly as 20 seconds for the train to arrive at the crossing. Trains often look like they are moving slower than they are because of their size. Trespassing incidents, including illegally traveling on or beside railroad tracks either by foot, bicycle, or ATV, accounted for about 500 deaths in the nation during 2007.

Tips for kids:

- Never try to cross the tracks if a train is coming. Trains are very large and heavy, and take a long time to stop.
- Only cross railroads at the crossing and always look both ways before moving over the tracks.
- Obey all signs and signals, listen for a warning bell and train whistles, and watch for flashing lights.
- When a train is coming, stand at least 10 giant steps away from the tracks.
- If a train passes, make sure another isn't coming.
- Always get off your bike and walk it across the tracks.
- Don't walk or play on railroad tracks.



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For more information regarding train safety, visit www.usa.safekids.org, for other safety tips visit www.queencreek.org.

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