



Dear Parents,

Capital Metro will begin service of its fast-moving, quiet, MetroRail trains soon. This is an exciting time for us, and we look forward to beginning full passenger service. However, we recognize that there are some very important safety reminders that we need to emphasize, especially to those who live, work, or attend school near the tracks.

**Please remember to use caution when crossing the train tracks,
and NEVER stop your car on the tracks.**

The new Capital MetroRail trains will be traveling as fast as a car and are almost as quiet.

Talk to your children about safety. Here are some safety facts they should know:

- Stay alert and pay attention around train tracks; any time is train time.
- Trains can't swerve; they must follow the tracks, so cars and people must stay off the tracks to avoid being hit by a train. Again, never stop your car on the tracks, for any reason.
- It can take up to one mile to stop a freight train traveling 55 mph and up to 600ft. (two football fields) to stop a commuter train like the MetroRail. Never walk on the tracks.
- Always expect a train at any time, in either direction, on any track, and always watch for a second train.
- Look, Listen and Live! Loud music and headphones can keep you from hearing a train.

MetroRail trains are quiet and can come up on you before you know they are there. When crossing the tracks in a car, please use caution and always look both ways. As an extra safety precaution, roll down your windows and turn down the radio to listen for the horn. If you see a train coming, wait. The MetroRail trains will travel at speeds of up to 65 miles per hour in some areas, and the freight trains will continue to run during non-MetroRail hours.

In order to ensure that our communities understand this important safety message, Capital Metro is working with community leaders on a Rail Safety Outreach Initiative. The outreach began in March 2007 and has continued for the last 3 years. If you would like a MetroRail or rail safety presentation for your neighborhood, community group, or business, please let us know.

Thank you,

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