

## **Safety Alert: Railroad Tracks are no Place for Pedestrians**

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In the past several weeks, two fatalities involving trains operated by other agencies have occurred on BNSF Railway Co. tracks in south King County. Both deaths involved pedestrians reportedly crossing the tracks in undesignated areas while talking on cell phones.

Freight and passenger trains, including Sounder, are much quieter than most people realize. You may not hear a train coming.

Pedestrians are only allowed to cross railroad tracks at designated crossings when no train is present. Crossing tracks in undesignated areas is extremely dangerous. Law enforcement agencies are patrolling train stations and tracks to help keep pedestrians safe.

Stay Safe & Sound:

- Only cross tracks at designated pedestrian crossings when no train is present
- Be aware, modern trains are very quiet
- Stay well back from the track right-of-way, trains are much wider than the tracks
- Never walk, bike, jog, or play on or near railroad tracks.