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SAFETY AT LEVEL CROSSINGS QUICK FACTS



Statistics



Motor vehicle and train collisions at levels crossings remains one of Australia's biggest risks for rail operations.

Source: Level Crossing Accidents in Australia, ITSR (2011



The annual cost of level crossing crashes to society is estimated at approximately

\$116 million in 2010.



Fatal collisions between vehicles and trains are most common.
64% cars and 23% trucks.

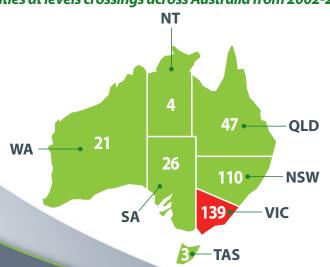


It can take up to **2km** for a loaded freight train to stop in an emergency

Source: Railway Level Crossing Safety, CARRS-Q (2018)

Source: <u>Level Crossing Safety, Transport and Main Roads Qld (20</u>

Fatalities at levels crossings across Australia from 2002-2012



ource: <u>Deaths and injuries will continue at level crossin</u> without major changes; experts, Carey (201

Common factors in driver error at level crossings

- Difficulty in gauging the time and space required to cross safely
- Risk-taking behaviours e.g: trying to 'beat the train' to avoid frustrating delays and meet unrealistic delivery schedules
- O Complacency due to familiarity with the travel route
- O Not driving according to the conditions
- Distraction
- Sighting limitations
- Operational aspects of heavy road vehicles
- O Driver impairment
- Ignoring warning devices
- Crossing without due attention to the conditions in front of them

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