



# Expect trains

From October 2018 freight trains are operating **day and night** on the Main North Line between Christchurch and Picton. This is in addition to work trains and other high-rail vehicles that use the line to help with the Kaikōura earthquake recovery.

From December 2018 the Coastal Pacific passenger service will also resume with daily trains running throughout the summer season.

You may have become complacent around the tracks and level crossings since the earthquake in November 2016 but please take extra care to ensure you and your family stay safe.

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## Drivers:

Take extreme care when driving over a railway level crossing

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Obey the warning signs and look carefully in both directions for trains. Listen, be aware, and pay careful attention to your surroundings. Always ensure there is space on the other side of the crossing for your vehicle

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When approaching a level crossing where lights and bells are operating, or barrier arms are lowered or have started to come down, you must:

- stop your car
  - wait for the train to pass
  - wait for the lights to stop flashing and the barrier arms to lift before entering the crossing
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At level crossings controlled by either 'Give Way' or Stop signs, you must:

- slow down, and be prepared to stop
  - look both ways up and down the tracks to check the railway lines are clear
  - if there is a 'Stop' sign, you must stop your vehicle completely
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## Pedestrians:

Only cross at formed pedestrian crossings or an overpass or underpass

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Stop and look for trains both ways up and down the tracks

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Only cross if you are sure there are no trains in sight

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Obey the warning signs at the crossing – if lights are flashing or bells are ringing this means a train is approaching

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