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Airdrie – Bathgate Rail Link

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Why do communities need to be aware of the new railway line?

The Airdrie-Bathgate Rail Link will be an electrified double-track railway – this means overhead lines will be carrying 25,000 volts of electricity, over 100 times more than a domestic plug socket. The power is always on, even when trains are not running.

Trains will travel at speeds of up to 80 mph. More than ever, local communities need to be aware of the realities of living near a railway:

- An express train travelling at top speed travels two kilometres in 30 seconds
- There are approximately 60 deaths a year result from railway crime incidents
- 640,000 objects are placed on railway lines each year
- 4 million objects are thrown at trains each year
- A route crime offence is committed every 90 seconds
- There are 27m cases of trespass each year
- Trespassing on the railway is a criminal offence with a maximum fine of £1000
- The highest rate of incidents occur in the school summer holidays - between May and September – and between 4pm and 7pm

What does Network Rail do to raise the profile of railway safety in communities?

We want to ensure that communities and the railways remain safe and so we work closely with the British Transport Police to educate people about rail crime and safety, including school visits and working with local communities.

We are committed to open, meaningful and regular dialogue with our neighbours to ensure that everyone is aware of what we are trying to achieve and how we are doing this

We also run a safety initiative called 'No Messin' aimed at keeping kids off the tracks

For more information about railway crime education, why not visit the website at www.no-messin.com or email for more information at: nomessin@networkrail.co.uk