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Lesson Plan Overview



CN (Canadian National Railway)

The Program

Operation Lifesaver saves lives by educating Canadians about the hazards surrounding rail property and trains. Our mission is to prevent collisions between trains and motor vehicles. We also work to prevent trespassing incidents that lead to serious injury or death. We make over 500 presentations per year to schools, youth clubs, driver associations, snowmobile clubs, and other community groups. We work with the rail industry, government, police, unions, the media, other organizations and the public to spread the word.

Education

Operation Lifesaver's success lies in educating people of all ages about the dangers of highway/railway crossings and the seriousness of trespassing on railway property. The methods used to reach the public include the production and distribution of related educational material, early elementary and driver education curriculum activities, civic presentations, as well as media coverage.

Enforcement

Laws are in place governing motorists' and pedestrians' rights and responsibilities at highway/railway crossings and on railway property. Without enforcement, however, they will be ignored and incidents will continue to happen. Therefore, provincial and municipal law enforcement agencies are urged to deal with motorists and pedestrians who disregard these laws and jeopardize their lives as well as the lives of others.