

IDENTIFICATION OF A DANGEROUS OHIO RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING

**This form identifies a dangerous railroad grade crossing.
I have made such an identification because the crossing has one or more
of the following characteristics, which are checked (X) below:**

VISUAL OBSTRUCTIONS	Can't see far enough up/down track because of trees, vegetation, buildings, etc., blocking sight distance and advance notice of approaching train.	
HUMPED CROSSING	Raised track in conjunction with roadway approach.	
ROUGH TRACK	Rough track surface retarding rapid crossing by motor vehicles.	
MALFUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT		
<i>Short-Time Warning</i>	Less than 20 seconds warning time before train enters crossing.	
<i>Activation Failure</i> (This failure indicates to the motorist that it is safe to proceed, when, in fact, it is not safe to do so)	The failure to provide an active warning of the approach of a train at least 20 seconds before train's arrival at a crossing. Example: Gates up...train coming Lights not flashing	
<i>False Activation</i> (Activation giving false notice of an oncoming train)	False activations create a deceptive sense of safety and lowers or eliminates the drivers' expectations for an oncoming train when equipment is not working properly. Motorists become conditioned to ignore equipment when they give false notice of an oncoming train. Example: Gates down...no train Gates going up and down NEVER GO AROUND LOWERED GATES!	
BLOCKED CROSSING	Under Ohio state law, railroad companies that block public roadways for 5 minutes or more can be fined up to \$1,000.00 (first-degree misdemeanor).	
MISSING EQUIPMENT	Gates broken, lights missing, information signs (crossbucks) missing or hard to read, stop signs missing.	
OTHER (EXPLAIN)		

A more specific description of why this railroad grade crossing is dangerous can be included below:

CROSSING DATA

City/Town: _____

County: _____

Street(s): _____

Railroad who owns tracks: _____

DOT # (Located on post/equipment): _____

Date(s) Reported: _____

REPORTED BY

Name: _____

Affiliation (if any): _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

This report should be mailed (certified-return receipt) to the railroad company involved; local highway authority (township trustees, mayor, county engineer, department of transportation); appropriate county representatives (county commissioners); and the following state agencies:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Attention: Railroad Division

Ohio Rail Development Commission
1980 West Broad Street, 2nd Floor
Columbus, OH 43223

If possible, include pictures of the crossing. (At all times stay off of railroad rights-of-way and watch for approaching trains)

A copy should also be sent to: **The Angels on Track Foundation**
8286 Clover Road, N.E.
Salineville, Ohio 43945

"Thank you for taking the time to identify a dangerous railroad grade crossing and possibly saving a life. Remember...."BAD CROSSINGS KILL GOOD DRIVERS®"