

# **APTA Safety Spotlight Webinar: FTA Safety Updates**

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# Agenda

- Safety Advisory 25-1: Reducing Rail Trespassing and Suicide Events
- Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program Semi-Annual Reporting
- Major Event Playbook for Transit Agencies
- Upcoming Events



# Safety Advisory 25-1: Reducing Rail Trespassing and Suicide Events



Trespasser- and suicide-related events account for 50 percent of all fatalities reported to the National Transit Database (NTD) in CY24.

The advisory recommends that State Safety Oversight Agencies (SSOA) direct the Rail Transit Agencies (RTA) within their jurisdiction to use their Safety Management Systems (SMS) to:

- Perform safety risk assessments
- Identify hazards and safety risk mitigations
- Monitor mitigations for effectiveness



# Recording Available - FTA Trespass and Suicide Prevention Webinar

On December 11, 2025, FTA hosted a webinar about Safety Advisory 25-1 Reducing Rail Trespassing and Suicide Events

Featured agencies included:

- **Utah Transit Authority** discussing how it prevents unauthorized access to the rail corridor using radar camera surveillance and detection systems.
- **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority** discussing its strategies for preventing trespass and suicide incidents, including training, video surveillance, security and community outreach.



Access the [webinar slides and recording](#)

# Trespassing Prevention Safety Campaign



**Be Train Safe Video**

ANGER  
OFF TRACKS

NO TRESPASSING  
KEEP OUT

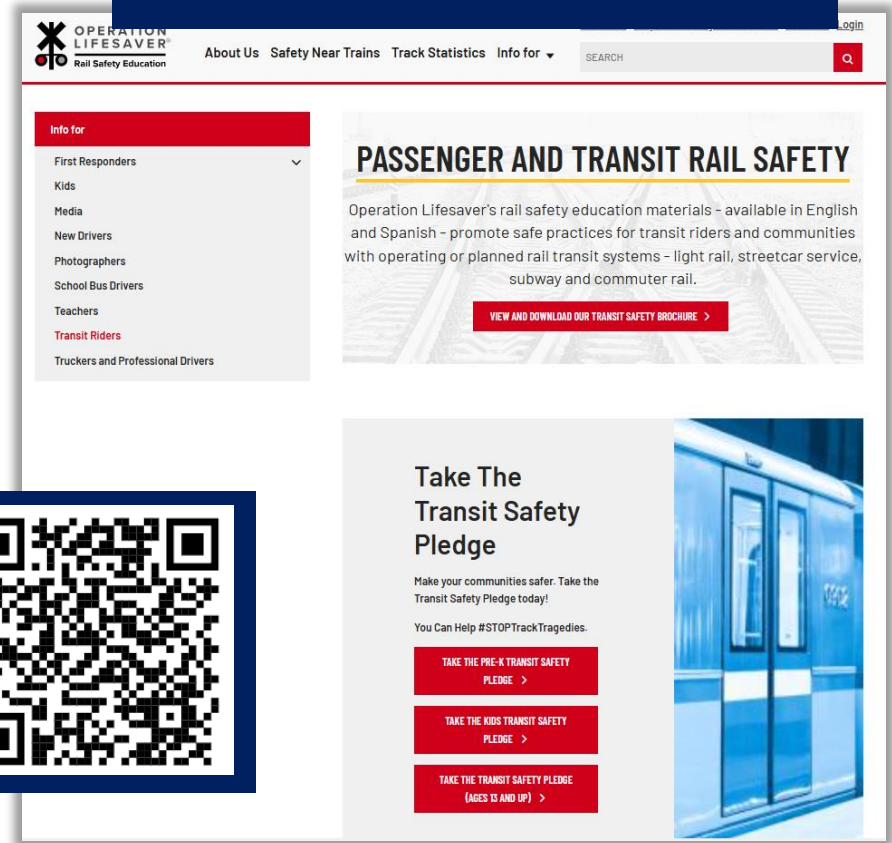
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**Be Train Safe. Stay off the Tracks.**

This graphic features a QR code in the top left corner. The central illustration shows three children at a train station platform. A boy in a blue shirt sits on a bench looking at his phone, while a girl in a light blue shirt and pink skirt stands nearby. A boy in a yellow shirt and green cap walks across the tracks. Signs for 'ANGER OFF TRACKS' and 'NO TRESPASSING KEEP OUT' are visible in the background. At the bottom, logos for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and Federal Railroad Administration are displayed, along with the slogan 'Be Train Safe. Stay off the Tracks.'

## Operation Lifesaver Resources



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Rail Safety Education

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- First Responders
- Kids
- Media
- New Drivers
- Photographers
- School Bus Drivers
- Teachers
- Transit Riders
- Truckers and Professional Drivers

**PASSENGER AND TRANSIT RAIL SAFETY**

Operation Lifesaver's rail safety education materials - available in English and Spanish - promote safe practices for transit riders and communities with operating or planned rail transit systems - light rail, streetcar service, subway and commuter rail.

VIEW AND DOWNLOAD OUR TRANSIT SAFETY BROCHURE >

Take The Transit Safety Pledge

Make your communities safer. Take the Transit Safety Pledge today!

You Can Help #STOPTrackTragedies.

TAKE THE PRE-K TRANSIT SAFETY PLEDGE >

TAKE THE KIDS TRANSIT SAFETY PLEDGE >

TAKE THE TRANSIT SAFETY PLEDGE (AGES 13 AND UP) >

This screenshot shows the Operation Lifesaver website. The top navigation bar includes 'About Us', 'Safety Near Trains', 'Track Statistics', and 'Info for'. A search bar is located on the right. A dropdown menu for 'Info for' lists various user groups. The main content area features a section for 'PASSENGER AND TRANSIT RAIL SAFETY' with a brief description and a button to view and download a transit safety brochure. Below this is a 'Take The Transit Safety Pledge' section with a call to action and three buttons for different age groups: 'TAKE THE PRE-K TRANSIT SAFETY PLEDGE', 'TAKE THE KIDS TRANSIT SAFETY PLEDGE', and 'TAKE THE TRANSIT SAFETY PLEDGE (AGES 13 AND UP)'. A QR code is overlaid on the bottom left of the screenshot.

FTA is raising awareness of the dangers of trespassing, sharing resources to support transit agencies and educating the public on remaining safe around rail transit.

# Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP) Semi-Annual Reporting

**Reminder to Transit Industry - PTSCTP Semi-Annual reporting period is  
January 1 – January 31, 2026**

## PTSCTP requirements only apply to:

- ✓ SSOAs and their employees and contractors that conduct safety reviews, inspections, examinations, and other safety oversight activities of rail fixed guideway public transportation systems.
- ✓ Rail Transit Agencies and their employees and contractors who are directly responsible for the safety oversight of a recipient's rail fixed guideway public transportation systems.

## SSOAs and RTAs must report semi-annually:

Current list of designated participants for PTSCTP at the agency

Course(s) the agency has identified as required recertification training for PTSCTP designated participants (49 CFR 672.21(d)).

# FTA Major Event Playbook

The [Major Event Playbook](#) is a practical guide to help public transportation agencies navigate federal transit requirements as they relate to hosting major events. It discusses:

- ❑ Navigating regulatory and legal challenges,
- ❑ Understanding appropriate uses of federal funds, and
- ❑ Encouraging coordination at the national, regional, and local levels.

## FTA Major Event Playbook



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# Upcoming Events

## Register Now!

**2026 FTA State Safety Oversight and  
Rail Transit Agency Safety Workshop**

**March 25—27, 2026 | Arlington, VA**



**Register by  
March 6, 2026**



[https://tinyurl.com/  
SSORTAWorkshop](https://tinyurl.com/SSORTAWorkshop)

# Thank You

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