



CANADA'S RAILWAYS: SAFETY ALWAYS BOARDS FIRST

Safety is a top priority for Canada's railways, and they are committed to continuously improving their safety record. Each year, Canada's railways launch new initiatives to improve safety, transparency and emergency preparedness, while accelerating their existing safety efforts.



Safety Investments

\$25 billion
in investments

Canada's railway industry has invested more than **\$25 billion** since 1999 to ensure the safety of its infrastructure—including investments in innovative safety technologies. That has led to significantly lower accident rates:



Training & Outreach

30,000
trained



In the last five years, the Railway Association of Canada (RAC) and its members have trained close to **30,000 railway employees, industrial plant personnel and first responders** on dangerous goods handling and emergency response.

RAC's Transportation of Dangerous Goods Team has held more than **1,200 TRANSCAER® events** to inform municipalities about the products being transported through their communities. In 2015, Canada's railways also launched the **AskRail™ mobile app**—a safety tool that gives first responders real-time information about railcar contents. More than **2,000 first responders** across Canada have signed up to use the app.



AskRail™

2,000
signed up

Tank Car Safety

Canada's railways welcomed the new North American DOT/TC-117 tank car standard introduced in May 2015. It requires tank cars carrying flammable liquids to have **thicker steel shells, thermal insulation and full head shields, among other improvements**. The vast majority of tank cars currently in service in North America are owned by rail customers and leasing companies, and this standard will go a long way towards improving the safety of these cars.



Safe and Getting Safer

99.999%
dangerous goods arrive safely

0.82
accidents per million passengers

The railway industry moves **99.999 per cent of dangerous goods** to their destinations without a release resulting from an accident. Passenger rail also has an excellent safety record—with an accident rate of **0.82 accidents per million passengers** in 2016.



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