

Factsheet

Electrified track

Most of our trains travel on electrified railway track.

The power for these trains is supplied from a live rail near to the tracks.

The electricity is 750 volts DC and is never switched off even on Christmas Day.

The voltage is so high that it can kill large animals, so imagine what it would do to you.

It is even strong enough to travel a short distance through the air and through clothing.

Even when a train is not on the tracks the electricity is still passing through the live rail.

Apart from the dangers from trains, the live rail is a major hazard to anyone near the railway tracks.

The message is simple - do not go on the railway tracks.

