

No train's going to come along here, right?



WRONG!

A **competent person** knows that a train could come without warning any time of the day or night, any day of the year. That's 24/7, any time, any day, sunshine or darkness, on any track. The timetable is completely irrelevant. The fact it's a heritage line with no winter service—irrelevant! You will know this when you become competent with PTS.



A GRIEVING mother whose teenage daughter was killed by a “silent” night train as she sat on the tracks at a level crossing is suing Network Rail.

Straight-A student Milena Gagic, 16, died instantly when she was hit by the train in Hipperholme, Halifax, in December 2014.

The teen and her best friend Amelia Hustwick had gone to the crossing late at night to chat because it was “a nice place to hang out”, Central London County Court heard.

They were sitting between the actual train tracks, “laughing and giggling” because they were convinced trains did not run at night.

Both girls had also grown up in the local area and believed that, if any train did in fact approach, it would sound its horn.

But since 2007, a “night time quiet period” had been ushered in, barring horns between 11pm and 7am, said barrister Stephen Glyn.

Milena's mum Leanne Gagic is now suing Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd for £22,124 in damages, although her barrister explained that her case is “not about money”.

TRAIN TRAGEDY Mum of girl, 16, killed by silent train after she sat on tracks tries to sue Network Rail for £22k

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The best thing you can do is **explain this to your mates at school**. “Liking trains” does not make you competent. Keeping off the tracks until you have passed PTS and have a duty that requires you to be there under close supervision makes you competent.