



Safety recommendation no. 37

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Safety deficit	<p>On Saturday 15 June 2013 in Neirivue, Freiburgische Verkehrsbetriebe (Transports publics fribourgeois - TPF) train 14978 fatally injured an eight-year old child who was about to cross an unmanned level crossing with her scooter. Despite a warning whistle and the initiation of rapid braking, it was not possible to avoid the collision. The fact that there is an unmanned level crossing in the centre of a village, and even next to a school, represents an increased risk for children.</p>
Safety recommendation	<p>The FOT should require that this rail crossing for pedestrians is protected by signals or mechanisms which ensure that it can be crossed and used safely (Annex 5, Art. 37b of the Rail Ordinance).</p>
Stage of the implementation	<p>A study on the improvement of this crossing is currently in progress. The TPF company decided to construct an underpass. In 2015, the company will submit a corresponding assessment to the FOT. It is intended to start the work in 2016. The safety recommendation is therefore being implemented appropriately.</p>
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	<p><u>Schlussbericht</u></p>