



Safety recommendation no. 66

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Safety deficit	<p>At 12.02 on Friday 18 October 2013 a person entered a pedestrian crossing on the Avenue d'Echallens in Lausanne when Chemin de fer Lausanne–Echallens–Bercher (LEB) trains no. 27 approached the pedestrian crossing in the direction of Echallens. Despite a warning signal and emergency braking, the collision of the train with the pedestrian could not be avoided. The pedestrian died at the site of the accident. Since the train travels, unusually, on the same track in both directions, pedestrians have not got used to ensuring that a train is not approaching from the opposite direction before crossing the public transport lane. The “Strassenbahn” (tramway) signal with an additional panel, which draws the attention of pedestrians to the fact that the train runs in both directions does not seem to be sufficient to direct pedestrians’ attention to the opposite direction as well as the normal one.</p>
Safety recommendation	<p>Until the urban section of the rail line has been moved into a tunnel, pedestrian traffic lights should be installed, preventing pedestrians from crossing the public transport lane when a train is approaching.</p>
Stage of the implementation	<p>Implemented. The tunnel was put into operation on 15.05.2022; emergency measures were implemented beforehand.</p>
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	<p><u>Rapport final</u></p>