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Pedestrian Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A 31-year-old Captain assigned to 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, died in a pedestrian mishap 24 March 2018 in Colorado Springs at 0221 local. The Soldier was suspected to have been sitting on or near railroad tracks when he was struck by a passing train.

ENGAGEMENT TIPS:

- All train tracks are private property. Never walk or sit on tracks; it's illegal trespass and highly dangerous. By the time a locomotive engineer sees a trespasser or vehicle on the tracks, it's too late. It takes the average freight train traveling at 55 mph more than a mile—the length of 18 football fields—to stop. Trains cannot stop quickly enough to avoid a collision.
- Remember to cross train tracks only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings, and obey all warning signs and signals posted there.
- Stay alert around railroad tracks. No texting, headphones or other distractions that would prevent you from hearing an approaching train; never mix rails and recreation.

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