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### **Trackoff teaching resources sent to every school**

Thousands of schools will return from their summer holidays having each been sent a new Trackoff DVD.

Trackoff is Britain's rail industry initiative to help educate children and teenagers about safe conduct on the railway. The website – [www.trackoff.org](http://www.trackoff.org) - and resources have now been refreshed and updated, and a Trackoff DVD has been sent to over 30,000 primary and secondary schools across England, Scotland and Wales.

The DVD contains a set of three new off-the-shelf and ready-to-use teaching packages covering safe behaviour to ensure a good journey, and the dangers and consequences of trespass and vandalism, and graffiti. Each package contains a suggested lesson plan and accompanying videos and presentation materials – designed to fit in with UK national and Scottish curriculum requirements in English, Citizenship and ICT (Information and Communication Technologies).

The initiative is managed by RSSB and supported by the whole rail industry including passenger and freight train operating companies, Network Rail as well as British Transport Police.

RSSB chief executive Len Porter, who is also chairman of the cross-industry Community Safety Steering Group said: "Millions of young people live close to a railway line or use the railway to travel to school, to visit friends or to go on holiday. Some are drawn to play on the railway; some feel like messing about. The refreshed Trackoff website and DVD means that schools now have instant access to free-of-charge resources that will help demystify rail safety issues for youngsters by showing the dangers and consequences of playing on or misbehaving on the railway."



Len continued: “The dramatised video clips and narration in particular are well suited to the target age-groups. They’re straight, honest and non-patronising, and steer away from the old-fashioned railwayman waving a finger, which doesn’t always command the same kind of respect, nor encourage positive behaviour, amongst young people.”

All the resources contained on the DVD are also available to download from the website – [www.trackoff.org](http://www.trackoff.org). For more information about Trackoff, contact RSSB – [community.safety@rssb.co.uk](mailto:community.safety@rssb.co.uk), tel 020 3142 5300.

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## **Editors’ Notes**

1. The Trackoff website – [www.trackoff.org](http://www.trackoff.org) - provides free educational resources to organisations that can spread the message: schools, colleges, youth centres and community groups.
2. The Community Safety Steering Group is the national strategic cross-industry group managed by RSSB and containing representation from Network Rail, train and freight operating companies – including the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC) and British Transport Police. Its purpose is to agree national priorities and strategies aimed at reducing the risks and costs posed by crime, disorder and other forms of inappropriate public behaviour, as well as endorse cross-industry partnership, and monitor its effectiveness.
3. RSSB builds industry-wide consensus and facilitates the resolution of difficult cross-industry issues. We provide knowledge, analysis, a substantial level of technical expertise, powerful information and risk management tools. This delivers a unique mix to the industry across a whole range of subject areas.