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# Overview

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# Grade Crossing Safety: An Overview of the Statutory and Regulatory Framework in the United States

# Federal Preemption of State And Local Law

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- **United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)**
- **Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (FRSA)**
- **United States Code – Section 20106**
- **Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)**
- **National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)**
- **Federal case law**

# Interactions Between Federal and State Regulations

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- **Vegetation at Railroad Crossings**
- **Train Horn Rule**
- **Signal Crossing Preemption**

# Interactions Between Federal and State Regulations - continued

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- **Railroad Signage**
- **Blocked Crossings**
- **Crossing Closures/Grade Separations**

# Interactions Between Federal and State Regulations - continued

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- **Operation Lifesaver/Duty of Motorists at Grade Crossings**
- **Grade Crossing Inspection**
- **Signal Inspection**
- **Other**

# QUESTIONS?



The image features a blurred train moving from right to left across the frame, set against a sunset sky with orange and blue tones. In the foreground, there is a gravel bed and a signal tower with two lights (one green, one red) on the left. The BNSF Railway logo is prominently displayed in the center, consisting of the letters 'BNSF' in a large, bold, italicized sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) to its upper right. Below 'BNSF' is a thick white horizontal bar, and underneath that, the word 'RAILWAY' is written in a smaller, italicized sans-serif font.

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