

# A 'safe system' process model for level crossings

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# UNECE Expert Group tasks

- Enhance safety at level crossings
- Evaluate laws and safety performance
- Evaluate factors leading to unsafe conditions
- Strategic action plan for road/rail interface
  - Develop framework to implement
  - Use ‘safe system’ approach
  - Monitor and report
- Workshops to support core objectives
- Identify future strategic and research needs

# 'Safe system' process model?

## areas:

- Infrastructure design & management
- User behaviour management
- National policy and law
- Safety enhancement

## elements and *process*:

- **economics, engineering**, environment, ergonomics
- enable + **educate** + encourage (=> empower)
- **enforcement**, emergency preparedness, expectations
- **engage**, *evaluate, enhance*

# Level crossing

Operation  
Lifesaver  
'3 key elements'

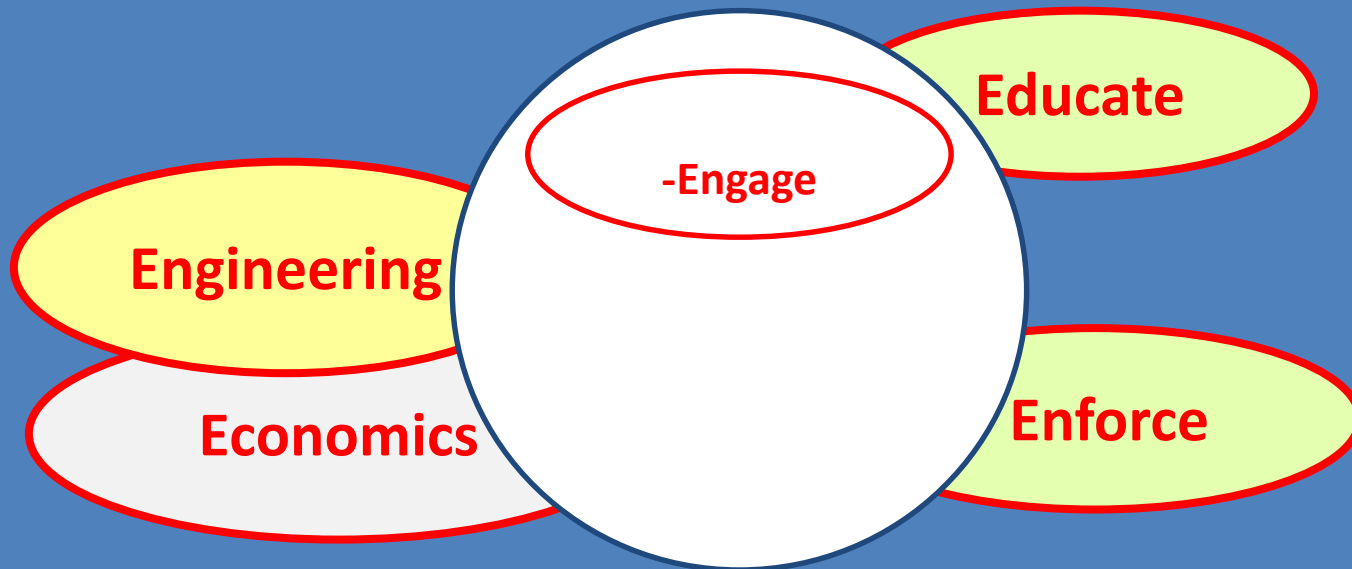
**Engineering**

**Educate**

**Enforce**

# Level crossing safe system

**UNECE**  
'approach' &  
'5 key elements'



# Level crossing safe system

UNECE  
'areas' to  
evaluate

Infrastructure  
management

User  
Behaviour  
management

Educate

-Engage

Engineering

Economics

Enforce

National policy & law

# Level crossing safe system

UNECE  
'develop  
strategy'

Infrastructure  
management

User  
Behaviour  
management



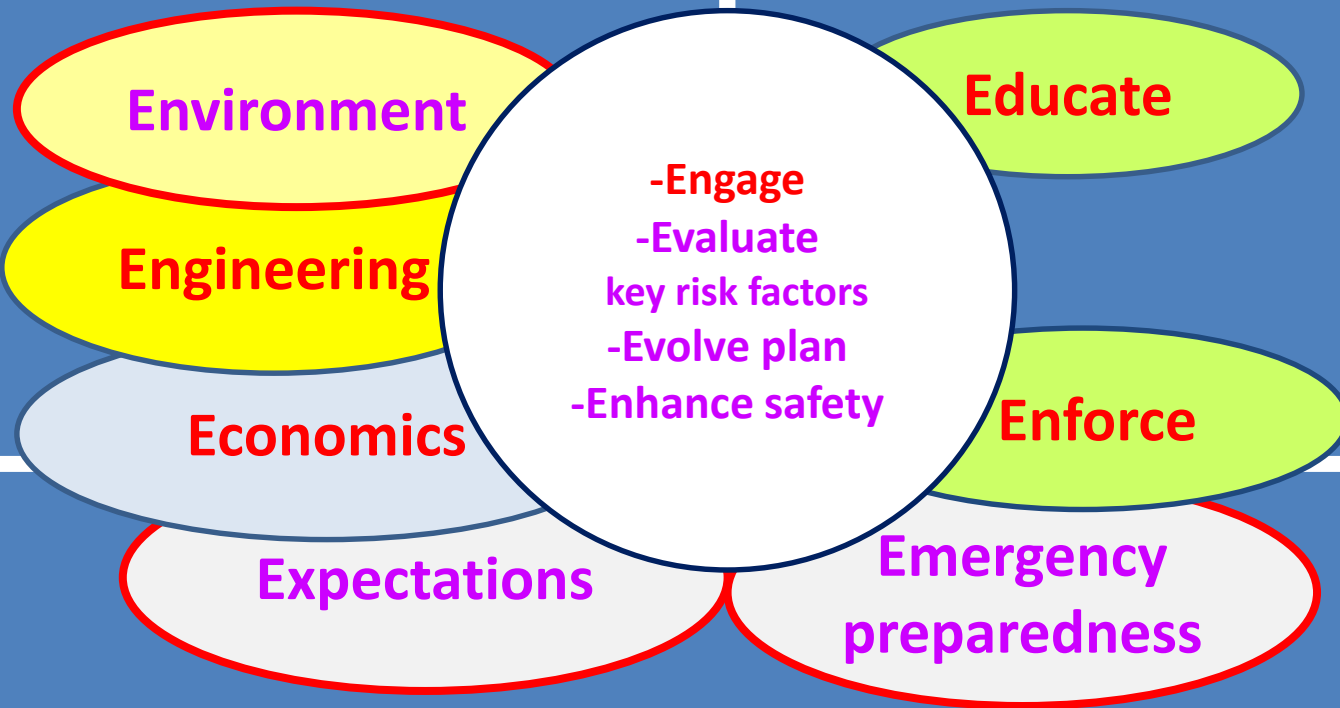
National policy & law

# Level crossing safe system

UNECE  
other 'elements'

Infrastructure  
management

User  
behaviour  
management



National policy & law



# Level crossing safe system

Ergonomics  
'fit for purpose'

Infrastructure management

**design &**

User behaviour management

**Ergonomics**

**Environment**

**Educate**

**Engineering**

- Engage
- Evaluate key risk factors
- Evolve plan
- Enhance safety

**Economics**

**Enforce**

**Expectations**

**Emergency preparedness**

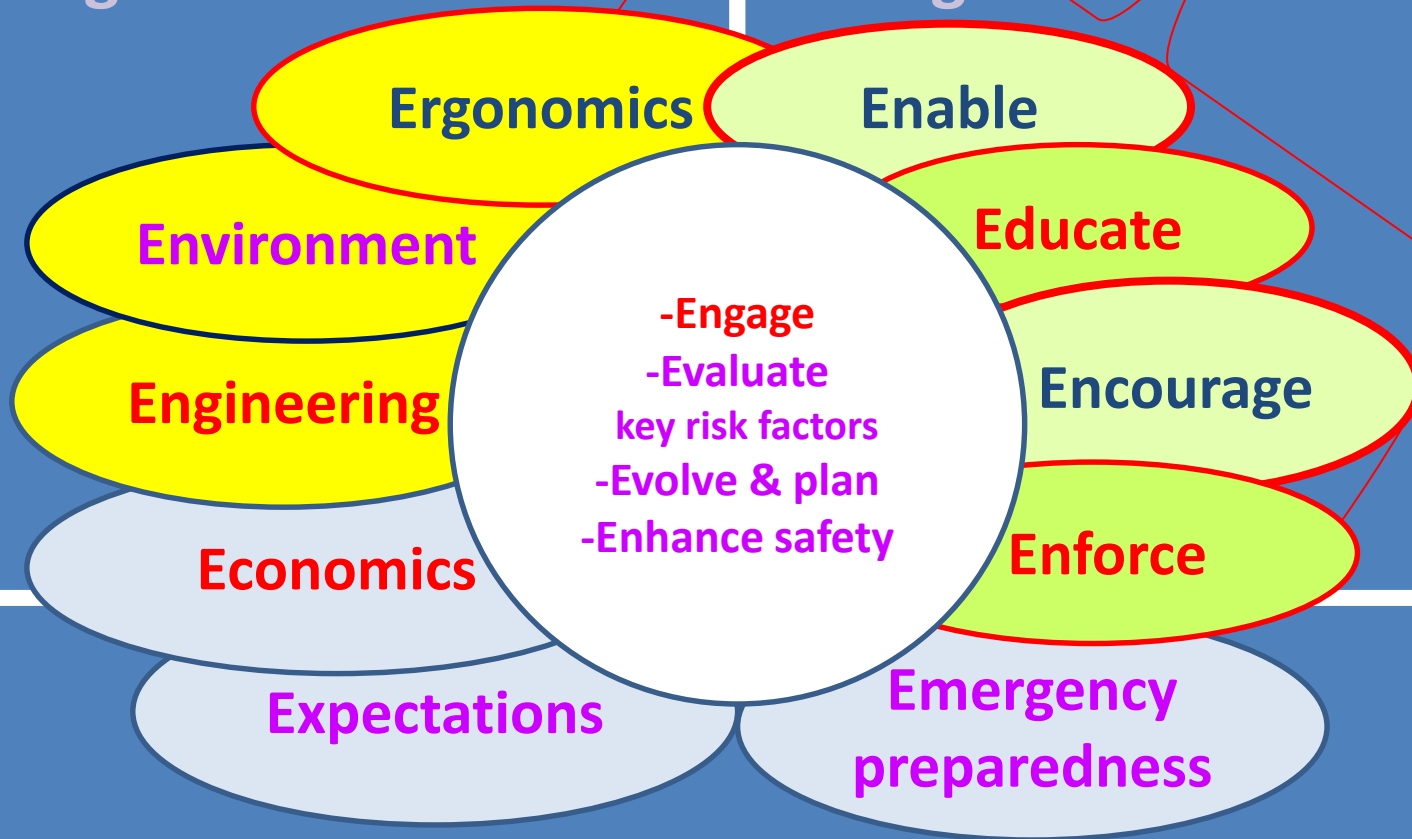
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# Level crossing safe system

'empower user'

Infrastructure design & management

User behaviour management



National policy & law

# Theory of planned behaviour

Beliefs ->

-> attitude, acceptability & ability

-> intention

-> behaviour

Source: Ajzen, I. (1991). The theory of planned behavior. *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*, 50, p. 179-211.

# Level crossing safe system

ISO 'continual improvement'

Infrastructure design & management

User behaviour management



National policy & law

# Level crossing 'safe system'

- system approach
- multi-disciplinary
- Safe by design, fit for purpose
- empower users
- manage risks
- enhance safety

# Level crossing safe system

Infrastructure design & management

User behaviour management



National policy & law