



YOUR children could be dicing with death

In the past three months in the Rochdale, Smithy Bridge and Littleborough areas, there has been a significant increase in incidents of young people trespassing and playing on the railway lines. In particular, there has been repeated incidents of youths throwing bricks and stones at moving trains, resulting train windows being smashed and placing the driver and passengers in considerable danger of serious injury.

Clearly this is extremely dangerous and British Transport Police and Network Rail are seeking the support of all parents and guardians in ensuring young people do not stray onto the Railway lines this summer.

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware that railway **trespass** is very dangerous and can cause life-changing injuries or even result in death. Around 60 people a year are killed as a result of trespassing on the Railway and being hit by trains.

Railway Trespass, throwing stones at trains and placing objects on the track are all **criminal offences** that can result in arrest, prosecution and a criminal record.

Network Rail and British Transport Police (BTP) are working in partnership to prevent and deal with trespassers in the area and the number of both uniformed and plain clothed patrols has been increased. Assistance will also be provided by helicopter and CCTV monitoring.

If you wish to report any information to us, please call us on Freephone 0800 40 50 40 or text the information to 61016. Please visit www.btp.police.uk for more information and advice about BTP and crime prevention.