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Metro-North Train Operators Running Red Lights At Alarming Rate

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NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) — They are at the helm on your everyday train – engineers who are supposed to be guiding trains to safety.

But as CBS 2's Jessica Schneider reported Wednesday night, disturbing statistics have shown the people you entrust might be breaking the rules. [Data](#) from [the Metro-North Railroad](#) reveals that some engineers are running the red lights at which they are supposed to be stopping — and potentially putting passengers' lives at risk.

"If you're in a locomotive cab, you really have to train [your eye](#) on the task," said Robert "Buzz" Paaswell, of the University Transportation Research Center.

In all, Metro-North drivers have racked up 24 violations since 2010, including five already this year.

Two-thirds of the violations are happening on the miles of tracks at Grand Central Station.

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