

## RAIL SAFETY REGULATION SAFETY ALERT

### NOTICE TO ACCREDITED RAILWAY ORGANISATIONS

### THIS ADVICE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

#### 01/10 – Securing of seating and equipment in passenger carriages

This week an accredited operator's passenger train derailed after colliding at low speed with a landslide that had occurred following extended periods of wet weather. As a consequence six passengers were treated for minor injuries. It has been indicated to Department of Transport and Main Roads Rail Safety Regulation Branch (TMR) by passengers on the train and by TMR inspection that loose equipment including seating, drinking water coolers, and public address equipment moved significantly during the occurrence.

A Safety Alert is being published in relation to the potential dangers from unsecured equipment including seating in passenger rollingstock, for the information of accredited railways and rail safety regulators.

#### Actions:

- **All accredited railway organisations in Queensland should review the risks associated with the operation of their passenger rollingstock in regard to the security of equipment and in particular passenger seating.**
- **Accredited railway organisations are also requested to review their current standards and risks in relation to the stowage of other objects such as baggage and personal items that could become projectiles in the event of an emergency stop, collision or derailment.**

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