

# RAIL SAFETY REGULATION SAFETY ALERT

## NOTICE TO ACCREDITED RAIL TRANSPORT OPERATORS

### THIS ADVICE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

#### 02/12 – Safe seating arrangements – locomotive and driving cabins

### Background

Within the wider railway industry, it is common practice for persons other than the seated rail traffic crew to be within the cabin of a locomotive or driving cabin. Situations such as training are common occurrences that call for the extra person/s to be within the cabin. The majority of locomotives and driving cabins do not allow for additional seating within the cabin and it is common practice for a folding seat, or similar, to be utilised to seat the extra person.

There have been a number of recent reports to the Queensland Rail Safety Regulator, with concerns of this unsecured seating arrangement and the risk associated in cases of a derailment or collision.

Safety Alert 01/10 should also be referred to, *Securing of seating and equipment in passenger carriages*.

### Action

Rail Transport Operators are requested to initiate the following actions urgently:

- Conduct risk assessments regarding the use of unsecured seating within locomotive and driving cabins.
- Ensure that risk assessments and risk registers are up to date, and articulate the issues associated with the concerns noted above.
- Review the relevant procedures within safety management systems and ensure adequate risk control measures are in place.

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