

RAIL SAFETY REGULATION SAFETY ALERT

NOTICE TO ACCREDITED RAILWAY ORGANISATIONS

THIS ADVICE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

05/10 – Passenger Rollingstock - Open Windows.

A child fell recently from an open window of an accredited operator's passenger train suffering minor injuries and was admitted to hospital. A preliminary investigation revealed that the child was standing on a seat at an open window and may have overbalanced with the movement of the train.

The windows of the carriage are a sash style and able to be opened for ventilation. The child stood on the seat and was able to lean out the window.

A Safety Alert is being published for the information of accredited railways to highlight the potential dangers of passengers (particularly children) falling from open windows of passenger rollingstock.

Action:

- **All accredited railways organisations in Queensland should review the risks associated with the operation of their passenger rollingstock with respect to open windows.**

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