



SAFETY ALERT
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RAIL SAFETY ALERT

WORKSITE PROTECTION

A number of recent incidents have highlighted the need for all rail personnel to be aware of their responsibilities and obligations to ensure the safety of rail staff and the general public.

Determining worksite protection is a co-operative process carried out between safety staff to ensure the identification of the safest method of protecting both trains and employees. All safeworking staff must ensure that the positioning of handsignallers does not cause confusion or adversely affect a driver's expectations and control of the train when approaching the worksite.

Worksite protection arrangements must also be fully communicated to all staff including signallers, train controllers and drivers to ensure safety is achieved.

Train drivers must comply with worksite protection arrangements. In particular they are to have trains under control in order to be able to stop at inner handsignallers displaying a red flag or red light. Maintaining control of the train in this manner will ensure that risks to workers, train crews and passengers are minimised.

Additionally all staff need to be aware of incident reporting requirements to ensure timely corrective action is taken.

The safety of all rail operations within New South Wales is an absolute priority at all times.

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