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Department of Infrastructure,  
Energy & Resources

# RAIL SAFETY NOTICE

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<b>Subject:</b> Inspecting Wagons while Shunting Movements Occurring.
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<b>Advice To:</b> Railway Operators and Rolling Stock Maintainers
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## Background:

On 4 September 2006 an employee was fatality injured whilst inspecting a wagon in a maintenance yard.

While the formal investigation process into all aspects of the incident is yet to be completed, one of the factors involved in the incident relates to the movement of wagons within a maintenance area at the same time as two employees were inspecting worn draft gear underneath a wagon.

The movement of wagons, at the time of the incident, was being carried out by a shunting tractor located at a point some distance from where the two persons were undertaking inspection. The shunting tractor shunted a wagon onto the end of the line of wagons on which the wagon being inspected was at the front. The shunt caused the movement of all wagons in the line resulting in fatally injuring one of the employee.

## The following action is to be undertaken:

Operators are requested to ensure that appropriate measures are taken and to make certain that systems are in place to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the safety of persons inspecting or maintaining wagons within maintenance facilities, especially when the movement of rolling stock is occurring.

For further information, contact: Greg Almond on telephone 03 6233 5225

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