

Safety Alert



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NOTICE TO ACCREDITED RAIL OPERATORS

Safety alerts are published by Transport Safety Victoria (TSV) under section 197 of the *Transport Integration Act 2010* (Vic) to promote the safe operation of transport services. Safety alerts are intended to provide information only and must be read in connection with obligations under relevant legislation.

Subject

Risks associated with hi-rail operations

Issue

There has been an increase in serious incidents relating to hi-rail operations in Australia over the past 12 months.

The Independent Transport Safety Regulator in NSW has issued Transport Safety Alert no. 39, regarding the effective operation and management of hi-rail equipment. This Transport Safety Alert can be found at:

<http://www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au/rail/publications/tsas/tsa39.pdf/view>

The Office of Rail Safety in Western Australia has issued two Rail Safety Alerts (RSN 2011-01 & RSN 2012-04) regarding inherent risks with hi-rail operations. These Rail Safety Alerts can be found at:

<http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/rail/731.asp>

In order to ensure compliance with the safety duties set out in the *Rail Safety Act 2006* (Vic), the following should be undertaken:

- Rail operators should consider conducting a systemic review of the risks associated with hi-rail operations that includes the specification, design, operation and maintenance of these vehicles throughout their lifecycle.
- Rail operators should note this advice and take appropriate action.

For more information in Victoria, please contact Kirsty Baxter, Manager Compliance Strategy & Planning on (03) 9655 8954.

THIS ADVICE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

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