



SteamRanger
Heritage Railway
Signal & Telegraph Section

SAFETY NOTICE

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TO: ALL S&T SECTION WORKERS

SHUNTING OF TRACK AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE ROLLINGSTOCK

1. What is the issue?

- Worker sustained severe injury to foot during shunting of track maintenance rollingstock.
- Foot was run over by the compressor trolley due to worker slipping whilst attempting to stand upon compressor trolley whilst trolley was being propelled.
- This matter is currently subject to investigation. This interim notice stands until the findings of the investigation can be communicated to workers.

2. What are the risks?

- Shunting of track maintenance rollingstock includes trollies, section cars, MICs, Hyrails, quads used in Signal Maintenance tasks.
- Shunting is a task of high risk requiring high levels of concentration.
- There is a high risk of injuries being sustained through poor safety practices, slips trips or falls, run-over by wheels and/or being struck by moving rollingstock.
- Workers involved are at risk of severe injury or permanent disability.

3. What do I do now as a Rail Safety Worker?

- All persons involved in Shunting of track maintenance rollingstock must have as a minimum Operations or Track Force safeworking competency, including either a Cat 1 or 2 Medical. Workers operating self-propelled track vehicles must hold competency for the type of rollingstock being operated.
- Any workers not holding the above requirements must be advised of safe work practices prior to commencing shunting processes.
- One worker must direct shunting operations. Shunting to be planned and verbally communicated to all persons involved. Use of vehicle horns upon starting movement must be used.
- **Henceforth no persons are to ride on any trolley or attempt to step upon a moving item of rollingstock.**
- Workers may only travel on self-propelled rollingstock where built in seating is provided and a safe area for travelling is provided.

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