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## Network Rail Safety Bulletin

### Vehicle Deliveries and Collections adjacent to Railway Lines

**For the attention of Network Rail Staff, Principal Contractors, Contractors and Plant Hire Suppliers, including drivers manoeuvring, unloading or loading vehicles adjacent to railway lines**

**Background:** There have been a number of accidents and close calls involving vehicle deliveries and collections near railway lines. These have involved articulated lorries, flat bed lorries (including those with lorry loaders), and vans. Those who are involved in the planning of deliveries adjacent to railway lines are reminded about the risks of working in close proximity to railway lines and the controls needed to protect infrastructure, trains, passengers, and others. Drivers who are moving, unloading or loading vehicles next to railway lines are reminded about the risks of working adjacent to railway lines and to adhere to their planned safe system of work.



**Immediate action required by all persons affected: AN ASSESSMENT MUST BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT ALL VEHICLE MOVEMENTS ARE AT LEAST 3 METRES (10 FEET) FROM THE NEAREST RAILWAY LINE**

**Planning:** All lineside deliveries and collections that involve vehicles shall be risk assessed in advance of the works. The assessment must be specific to the site, the planned task, vehicle and consideration given to a site visit with the identified delivery company.

**Safe System of Work:** Prior to delivery the author of the SSOW shall share and explain the documentation with the identified delivery company. The person in charge of site safety shall communicate, implement and monitor the SSOW.

**Drivers' Guidance:** Drivers are reminded of the Lifesaving Rule, to ensure that the required plans and permits are in place, before you start a job adjacent to railway lines. Drivers must not unload, load or manoeuvre vehicles next to railway lines unless they have had a safe system of work briefing, understand that briefing and can put in place the required risk controls.

- Drivers must monitor their activities to ensure they go no closer than 3 metres (10 feet) from the nearest railway line.
- Drivers must extinguish all red lights when parked near operational rail lines.

As a driver if you are unsure, you must place yourself and your vehicle in a position of safety, no closer than 3 metres from railway lines and **STOP WORK**. You must then escalate the concern to the person in charge of site safety.

**Assurance:** Network Rail and Principal Contractors shall identify in advance their assurance requirements for deliveries and collections.

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