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RESPONSIBILITIES
OF TRACK WORKERS
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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this rule is to provide instructions for executing and *Fulfilling* the responsibilities of a *Track Worker* in the Public Transport Authority (PTA) Network.

2. GENERAL

*Track Workers* engaged in works in the PTA Network must be under the supervision of a Protection Officer (PO) who has access to:

- any relevant notices of working arrangements for that *Location*; and
- the PTA Safeworking Rules and Procedures.

**NOTE**

*Track Workers* must expect the movement of *Rail Traffic* at any time, on any *Track* and in any direction, in addition to *Fulfilling* the requirements set out in *Rule 1003 General Responsibilities for Safety*.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRACK WORKERS

*Track Workers* responsibilities may include:

- operating machinery;
- performing *Track* maintenance or construction work under supervision;
- supervising maintenance or construction *Work Groups*; and
- coordinating maintenance or construction *Work Groups* and associated *Rail Traffic*, in liaison with the *Train Controller*.

*Track Workers* must report to the *Train Controller*:

- any faults or defects that could affect the operation of the PTA Network; and
4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROTECTION OFFICERS

The responsibilities of a PO include:

- determining safety measures required for Occupancy of the Track;
- managing Worksite Protection;
- obtaining Work on Track Authorities; and
- advising the Train Controller of any delay in returning the Track to service.

NOTE

A PO’s primary duty and responsibility is to keep the Worksite and Workers safe.
POs’ must be satisfied that other work will not interfere with this duty.

5. INTERFACE BETWEEN WORK ON TRACK AUTHORITIES

An interface between Work on Track Authorities occurs where two or more works covered under a Work on Track Authority are physically Adjacent.

5.1. INFORMATION SHARING

POs who’s Work on Track Authorities interface with another Work on Track Authority, must frequently share information concerning:

- anticipated movement of Rail Traffic; and
- Rail Traffic identification details.

Before a PO Authorises the Rail Traffic to Proceed to a Location managed by another PO, permission must be obtained from that PO.
6. PASSING RAIL TRAFFIC

WARNING

Track Workers must:

- be in a Safe Place for the passage of Rail Traffic;
- make no movement that may be mistaken by Rail Traffic Crew as a movement into the Danger Zone, and
- unless responsible for displaying Handsignals to Rail Traffic Crew, make no movements and gestures that may be mistaken for Handsignals.

All Track Workers have a responsibility to observe passing Rail Traffic for potential defects which may include:

- signs of alarm from passengers;
- loading irregularities;
- braking defects;
- dragging equipment;
- fire on the train; or
- the absence or non operation of an End-Of-Train Marker.

The Rail Traffic Crew and the Train Controller must be advised of any irregularity on the affected Rail Traffic.

7. REFERENCE

Rule 1003 General Responsibilities for Safety

8. EFFECTIVE DATE

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