

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
SAFEWORKING RULES AND PROCEDURES

9010
PROTECTING
WORK FROM
RAIL TRAFFIC
ON ADJACENT LINES

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide instruction on the *Protection of Workers from Rail Traffic on Adjacent lines*, in the Public Transport Authority (PTA) Network.

2. GENERAL

Rail Traffic on lines *Adjacent to Work on Track* is a danger to *Workers*. *Workers* must be protected from all *Rail Traffic*.

Excluding *Rail Traffic* from *Adjacent lines* gives the highest level of *Protection*.



WARNING

Adjacent lines may be under the control of a different *Train Controller* or *Access Provider*.

During the *Safety Assessment* for the work, and as *Protection* needs change, the *Possession Protection Officer (PPO)* or the *Protection Officer (PO)* must decide on the best means to reduce the risk from *Rail Traffic on Adjacent lines*.

3. MEANS OF RISK REDUCTION

If the *Safety Assessment* indicates that *Workers* need to be protected from *Rail Traffic* on *Adjacent lines*, the *PPO* or the *PO* must choose one or more of the following means to reduce the risk.

3.1. LOCAL POSSESSION AUTHORITY

A *Local Possession Authority (LPA)* may be taken out over *Adjacent lines* to exclude *Rail Traffic*.

3.2. TRACK OCCUPANCY AUTHORITY

A *Track Occupancy Authority (TOA)* may be taken out over *Adjacent lines* to exclude *Rail Traffic*.

3.3. ABSOLUTE SIGNAL BLOCKING

Absolute Signal Blocking (ASB) may be used to exclude *Rail Traffic* on *Adjacent lines*.

3.4. LOOKOUT WORKING

Lookout Working may be used to provide *Warning* of approaching *Rail Traffic* on *Adjacent lines*.

4. DEMARCATION FENCING



WARNING

Demarcation Fencing is only a *Warning* that a boundary exists. It may not stop *Workers* from entering a *Danger Zone* on an *Adjacent* line.

Demarcation Fencing is an easily seen, continuous boundary marker.

Demarcation Fencing used within the PTA Network must be of a type approved by the PTA.

5. USING DEMARCATION FENCING

The *PO* must:

- put appropriate *Protection* or safety measures in place to protect *Workers* installing *Demarcation Fencing*;
 - make sure that the *Demarcation Fencing* is installed before starting other work;
 - make sure that the *Demarcation Fencing* can withstand disturbances caused by passing *Rail Traffic*;
 - keep *Workers* and equipment on the safe side of the *Demarcation Fencing*;
 - if necessary, place *Competent Workers* to make sure that *Workers* stay within the *Demarcation Fencing*;
 - make sure that the *Demarcation Fencing* is kept in good condition throughout the work; and
 - make sure that nothing is stacked or placed against the *Demarcation Fencing*.
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6. REFERENCE

Rule 3025 Temporary Speed Restrictions

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

1 November 2018