



RAIL SAFETY

THE BRISTOL PORT COMPANY *RAIL SAFETY GUIDELINES*

SAFETY must always be your first concern. You must do everything possible to ensure the *Safety of yourself and other persons*. **NEVER** put yourself or others in Danger.

- **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:**

Approved High Visibility clothing (with reflective markings) & Head Protection **must** be worn in all operational areas of the Port.

- **CROSSING THE LINE: LEVEL CROSSING**

Vehicle drivers and pedestrians **must obey** the light signals or instructions given by a person in charge of any level crossing. Do not obstruct any level crossing. If your vehicle breaks down on a level crossing.....get out of vehicle.....move to a place of safety.....inform rail control or Port Police. If a train approaches indicate to driver to stop by raising both hands.

- **CROSSING THE LINE: OTHER AREAS**

Where possible, persons on foot should cross rail lines at authorised crossing points identified by signs and cross hatched areas. If persons have to cross lines on foot, or by vehicle they must ensure there are no train movements. ***DO NOT CROSS LINES WITHIN 10 METRES OF STATIONARY WAGONS. AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CROSS TRACKS BY CLIMBING OVER OR UNDER WAGONS.***

- **UNSAFE CONDITIONS:**

If you observe any situation which may affect the safety of personnel or the train you must alert the nearest person in control or contact the control room. Unsafe conditions include: →Obstructed line→Vehicle broken down on line →Unsafe Load.

- **WORKING ON OR NEAR TRACK:** If you require to carry out any work **on or within 3 metres of any train track**, check with control or the Safety & Training Centre before starting work. Do not park any vehicles within 3 metres of any track unless authorised

**IF UNSURE-CHECK WITH THE SAFETY
CENTRE.**

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Remember!

Do not go onto the track unless your duties require it. If you are required, you must comply with the following:

- Wear approved high visibility clothing. ❖
- Obey all warning signs and notices. Do not ride on the trains. ❖
- **Look & listen** for approaching trains or wagon movements. Wagons can move silently. ❖
- If a train approaches, move to a place of safety. Acknowledge any audible warning from an approaching train by raising one arm. ❖

- Do not step onto the rail which can be slippery from rain, frost or oil. Avoid crossing points or crossovers which can trap feet. ❖

- Be alert to any announcements on train movements. ❖

- Give way to trains and wagons.....remember they cannot react or stop as quickly as you! Do not jump the lights. ❖

- You can play your part in maintaining a good Health & Safety environment. Listen to instructions, obey rules and policies. If unsure check with your Supervisor or Manager. If you see any unsafe conditionReport it! ❖

This Guide applies to Rail Facilities within Avonmouth and Royal Portbury Dock . If you require any further guidance or information, contact the Bristol Port Company Safety Centre. Telephone ☎: 0117 982 0000 Fax: 0117 982 0698