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Walking in the Danger Zone

Applicability

Network Wide

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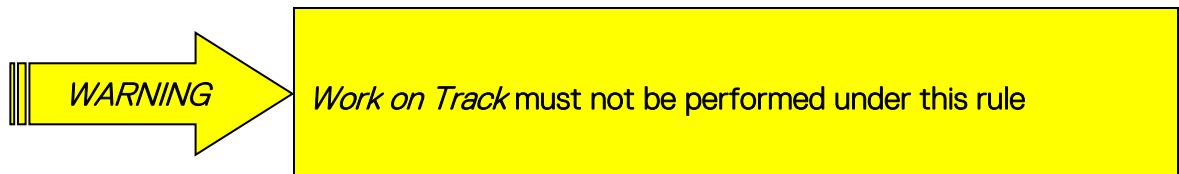
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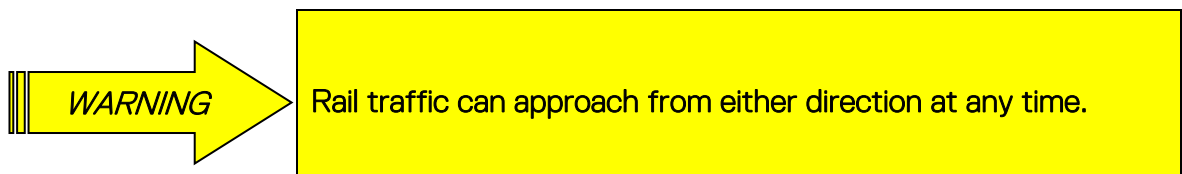
Walking in the Danger Zone is:

- walking from place to place in the Danger Zone, and
- doing no work other than placing or removing *protection*.



Workers *must* not *walk* in the Danger Zone unless:

- an easily-reached safe place is available, and
- there is no practicable alternative.



Safety

If walking in the Danger Zone, workers must:

- wear approved high-visibility clothing, and
- look frequently in both directions for approaching rail traffic, and
- carry a light at night, in tunnels, and when visibility is limited, and
- not rely on other workers to provide warning of approaching rail traffic, and
- not be distracted, and
- not step on:
 - the rail head, or
 - *interlocking* equipment, or
 - within *points*.

NOTE

If the available *sighting distance* does not provide the time to safely walk in the Danger Zone, *Competent Workers* must:

- move to a location with effective sighting distance, or
- apply a *work on track method*, or
- apply *NSFO 432 Protecting activities associated with in-service rail traffic*.

Placing or removing protection

If placing or removing protection, workers must stay alert for approaching rail traffic.

Related ARTC Network Procedures

- NSFP 709 Using Railway Track Signals

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