



Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd

SAFETY ALERT



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Work in the Danger Zone

NOTE: This Safety Alert does not contain amendments to the relevant ARTC Network Rule and Procedures and is an advice to users of the ARTC Network.

Recent Safeworking incidents have identified a number of unacceptable practices with the implementation of work on track methods including;

- Entering the Danger Zone before the Protection Officer (PO) has confirmed that all necessary protection is in place,
- Short cutting safety requirements to complete tasks due to time constraints.

When planning work Supervisors and PO's must take into account the time required to complete the task as well as all safety requirements, such as;

- implementing appropriate work on track method, and
- Placing and removal of all necessary protection (detonators red flag / lights point clips).

If there is insufficient time to complete all of the ARTC Safety Requirements and the proposed task, the work must not begin.

Working in the Danger Zone

Work in the Danger Zone must not begin before the Protection Officer has put the required safety measures in place.

Workers **must not** enter into or commence work in the Danger Zone before the Protection Officer has put the required safety measures in place and authorises workers to enter the Danger Zone.

No worker is to commence work in the Danger Zone before the Protection Officer advises that safety measures are in place.

The Protection Officer must tell workers about the kinds and limits of protection in place:

- before work begins, and
- if the protection arrangements change.

Action

Infrastructure Managers must ensure that all workers who access the rail corridor are aware of, understand, and apply these requirements.

This Safety Alert **MUST** be displayed in the workplace.

For all enquiries regarding this Safety Alert contact the National Rules Manager at gwatson@artc.com.au.

Safety is the responsibility of all workers on site.