

# Safety Alert

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## ACCESS ROADS IN THE RAIL CORRIDOR

### Incident

Recently a high potential near miss was reported, whereby a worker was about to step from a concrete platform at a signal location, out onto an access road – (see photo below).

A vehicle travelling from the opposite direction (unseen by the worker due to the location obstructing line of site) on the adjacent access road, passed the signal location at a speed estimated to be 60 kph. The worker, more than likely, would have been struck by this vehicle if they had stepped onto the access road.

While there are no designated speed limits on access roads, drivers are to drive to the relevant condition of the access road, taking into account the presence of persons in the area, condition of the road, any weather conditions and any speed signs that maybe posted.

***Always be aware that there may be other persons working in the rail corridor. Particular care needs to be taken when approaching work-sites, roads with restricted vision and structures such as signal locations which may have workers nearby, but are unseen.***



### For your action

1. Place Safety Alert on display and make copies of this alert available to people who report to you (without regular email access) and ensure that the contents of the safety alert are discussed/explained to your staff.
2. If engaging contractors, ensure they are made aware of current ARTC Safety Alerts.
3. Ensure a method of sign-off is obtained (e.g. via tool-box/safety meetings/morning briefings etc.) to verify that the Safety Alert has been distributed and discussed.
4. If you have any safety concerns with this Safety Alert please speak directly to your Supervisor or WHS Advisor for any further advice.

### Further information

- All Safety Alerts issued can be [found here](#).