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Control measure knowledge

Personnel should not come within three metres of any moving rail stock. Where circumstances dictate that this limit needs to be reduced, trains must be cautioned or stopped.

See Hazard - [Rail transport incidents](#), Control measure - [Proportionate control over railway](#).

Strategic actions

Fire and rescue services should:

- Provide tactical guidance to ensure crews are aware of safe working distances when working within the rail infrastructure environment

Tactical actions

Incident commanders should:

- Request that rail vehicles are run at caution or stopped, and await confirmation, prior to personnel working less than 3m from moving rail vehicles
- Consider risk versus benefit of maintaining 3m working distance in life saving circumstances; apply temporary control measures such as safety officers to provide warning of moving rail vehicles
- Brief crews that are moving around the rail infrastructure on Personal Track Safety guidelines
- Establish a 3 metre exclusion zone until trains have been confirmed as stopped, power off and earthed