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Creating a safe place using stationary rail traffic

This information has been prepared to reinforce the requirement for creating a safe place using stationary rail traffic as detailed in *NGE 200 Walking in the Danger Zone* and *NWT 300 Planning work in the Rail Corridor*.

NWT 300 requires any work that is performed in the Danger Zone to be carried out in accordance with the Network Rules and Network Procedures.

The Danger Zone is defined as everywhere within 3 metres horizontally from the nearest rail, and any distance above or below this 3 metres unless a safe place has been created.

How do I create a safe place using stationary rail traffic?

To create a safe place using stationary rail traffic, workers must obtain an assurance from the Driver or Track Vehicle Operator, in person, that the train or track vehicle will not be moved prior to commencing work.

Can I obtain this assurance by radio or have another person obtain this assurance for me?

No. The assurance from the Driver or Track Vehicle Operator must be obtained in person, this means you need to physically speak to the Driver or Track Vehicle Operator yourself.

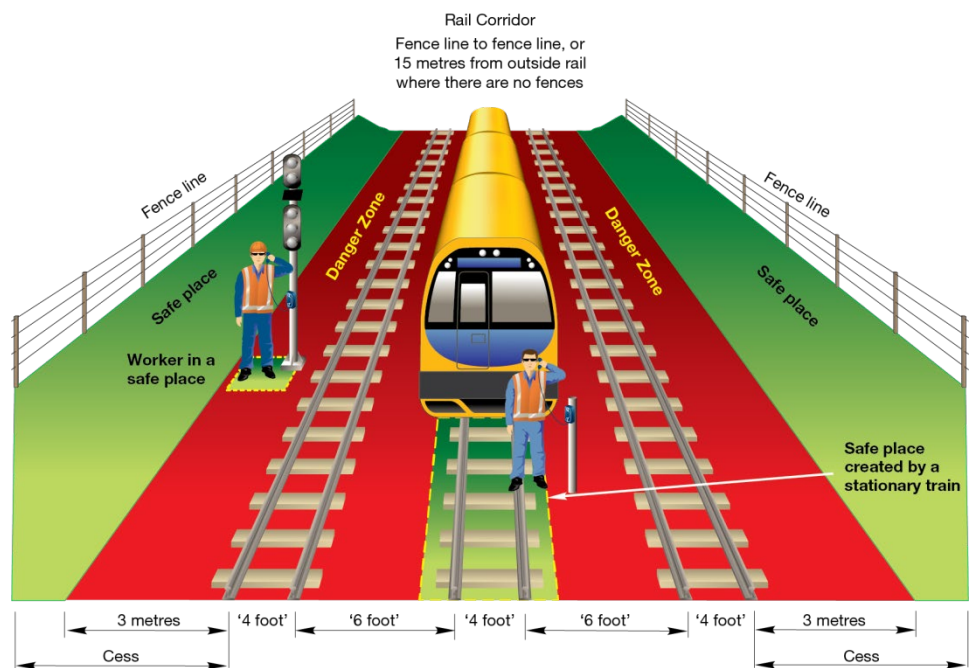


FIGURE 1: Workers in safe places

Do I need permission to create a safe place using stationary rail traffic?

As with any activity that will have an impact upon train operations, permission must be obtained from the Signaller.



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Can I create a safe place using stationary rail traffic to perform routine maintenance activities?

There is no restriction on the type of work that can be undertaken in a safe place.

However, as with any work carried out in the Rail Corridor, using stationary rail traffic to create a safe place does not remove the requirement for the work to be assessed for its potential to intrude into the Danger Zone, which may need to be protected using one of the five methods of worksite protection listed in the Network Rules.