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## NGE 200 Walking in the Danger Zone

**This information has been prepared to reinforce the use of NGE 200 Walking in the Danger Zone.**

Qualified Workers that need to walk in the Danger Zone from place to place may do so safely in accordance to *NGE 200 Walking in the Danger Zone*.

Some questions have been raised by workers about how to correctly use *NGE 200 Walking in the Danger Zone*.

**What documentation is required for walking in the Danger Zone?**

There is no documentation required for walking in the Danger Zone.

However current best practices of documenting safety assessments may include a pre-work briefing, Safe Work Instruction and Safe Work Method Statement.

**Can work such as inspections be done whilst walking in the Danger Zone?**

No work can be performed other than placing or removing protection.

**Can warning lights be used for walking in the Danger Zone?**

Yes, warning lights may be used by Qualified Workers to walk safely from place to place in the Danger Zone.

**What considerations should be made when walking in the Danger Zone?**

Some safety considerations include:

- If practicable alternatives are available to walking in the Danger Zone;
- Number of workers walking in the Danger Zone;
- Type of equipment being carried;
- The walking route and destination;
- Location factors such as number of tracks and available easily reachable safe places;
- Factors that impede visibility of approaching rail traffic and/or warning lights.

**Are Minimum Warning Time calculations required?**

No, Minimum Warning Time only applies when using Lookouts.

However, all workers walking in the Danger Zone should always remain vigilant and expect rail traffic in any direction.

**Can a worksite in the rail corridor be accessed by walking in the Danger Zone?**

Yes, so long as the appropriate assessments have been made and workers have been briefed.

**What is considered a 'practicable alternative' to walking in the Danger Zone?**

A practicable alternative to walking in the Danger Zone is assessed by Qualified Workers on a case by case basis.

Examples of some often used practicable alternatives include:

- Overpass walkways;
- Using road vehicles to drive to the destination;
- Walking wholly in a safe place.

Alternatives may be practicable for some but not for others because of factors including:

- Accessible Work On Track methods;
- Available vehicles, safe places and other resources;
- Nature of the destination