



Network Rules Publications

This information has been prepared to clarify the purpose of various Network Rules Publications.

These publications are readily available on the RailSafe website www.railsafe.org.au. All publications become uncontrolled documents if downloaded or printed and may no longer be valid at the time of use. Always check, or only use the RailSafe website for the most up to date version of all Network Rules Publications.

All Qualified Workers must be provided with or have access to relevant Network Rules Publications that affect their work duties and responsibilities.

Changes to Network Rules, Network Procedures and Operational Standards can only be made in accordance with SMS-12-SP-3072.

Network Rules

The Network Rules is comprised of five suites detailing the mandates for working safely in the Sydney Trains Network.

General (NGE) Rules prescribe the requirements for:

- the interaction of people with high-risk infrastructure
- communications
- unusual circumstances and events
- the responsibilities of key operations workers.

Work on Track (NWT) Rules prescribe the requirements for undertaking activities in the Rail Corridor, and mandate the ways to plan for and achieve the separation of rail traffic from people working on or about track.

Train Working (NTR) Rules prescribe the requirements for operating trains and track vehicles, including the maintenance of train integrity, and management of equipment defects by Operators, train crews and track vehicle crews.

Systems of Safeworking and Special Working (NSY) Rules

prescribe the requirements for the different systems of Safeworking used in the network, including how rail traffic movements are managed to maintain train separation and ensure safe and efficient movements.

Signals and Signs (NSG) Rules

describe the types of signals and signs used in the Sydney Trains Network and prescribe how Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators must respond to them.

Network Procedures and Network Forms

Network Procedures (NPR) describe how particular actions are to be done to apply the Network Rules.

Network Forms (NRF) describe how to compile pre-printed safeworking forms used for communication and record keeping.

Network Local Appendices

Network Local Appendices (NLAs) describe the systems of Safeworking, the infrastructure, and the operation of that infrastructure for locations in the Network.

Safe Notices

SAFE Notices give immediate notice of changes or exceptions to Network Rules, Network Procedures and Network Forms.

Permanent SAFE Notices are issued as necessary to advertise the introduction, amendment or withdrawal of affected Network Rules and Network Procedures and other Operational Standards.

Temporary SAFE Notices are issued as necessary to authorise and advertise:

- Safeworking arrangements for planned track work
- urgent operational requirements
- special events
- trial of new or revised infrastructure

Weekly Notices

Weekly Notices advertise:

- changes to infrastructure
- amendments to the train working timetable
- general information that affects Safeworking.

SafeTracks

SafeTracks are communication bulletins about Network Rules, Network Procedures and related instructions.

SafeTracks do not change or give amendment to any Network Rules or Network Procedures. As required, SafeTracks are used to inform qualified workers of changes to these rules and instructions, or to reinforce the implementation requirements of existing rules and instructions. They are also used to provide advice about RailSafe publications and related topics.

SafeTracks should be read in conjunction with the relevant Network Rule, Network Procedure or instruction that is referenced in the bulletin.

Operator Specific Procedures

Operator Specific Procedures (OSPs) provide additional instructions for Sydney Trains and NSW Trains specific Safeworking activities and operations.

Train Operations Manual

The Train Operations Manual (TOM) documents provide instructions about Train Working Procedures (TWPs), and the Operation and Management of various Train types.

These documents are specific for the use of Sydney Trains and NSW Trains employees.