

Possession Notice

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Improving Possession Safety and Performance

Reinforce requirements for access on track following track machine/work train movements

This information has been prepared to inform Sydney Trains' employees, contractors and TfNSW to reinforce the requirements and adherence to both the Sydney Trains Network Rules and Procedures and all applicable possession procedures for any work on track during possessions.

Background

During recent work within a track possession, a workgroup with plant and equipment, working within a combined worksite returned unauthorised onto track, prior to the completion of all track machine movements. There had been a request for track machines to pass through a worksite as per the Chronological Train List. Permission was subsequently granted and the workgroup in question moved off track into a safe place to allow the track machines' movement.

The turnout grinder and one hi-rail passed through the worksite area. A telehandler working as part of the workgroup, which had been off track to facilitate the track machine movement then returned onto track.

The following track machines then sighted the telehandler on track and stopped short of the telehandler.

Requirement

Asset Scheduling and Delivery team are to reinforce at pre-possession meetings and through the distribution of pre-possession briefing notes, including this notice, the following requirement:

- Protection Officers are to ensure and confirm with Combined Worksite Protection Officers where applicable, that all track machine movements have been completed before authorising workers, plant or equipment returning to track
- Worksite supervisors and or plant operators are to confirm with their Protection Officer that authorisation has been given before any workers, plant or equipment can return to track following track machine movements

The Final Word

Each and every person working within a possession area has a responsibility to work in a safe manner and to be aware of and comply with all applicable rules and procedures.

Managers please ensure that these instructions are provided to all Project Owners and Supervisors.



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