

Safety Advice

Sharing information to improve safety

Target audience

Sydney Trains workers, including contractors, managing or performing rail grinding, rail welding or other hot works related activities at Town Hall Station.

The Issue

On 16 February 2023, it was identified that the Fire Hydrant and Hose Reel equipment serving all the platforms at Town Hall Station are non-operational due to pipework that has developed a major water leak. Consequently, the system has had to be isolated until repairs can be completed.

This has resulted in no water being available for firefighting purposes if a fire should occur on any of the platforms. It is anticipated that repair works will take a couple of weeks to be completed.

There may be a number of maintenance activities potentially involving rail grinding, rail welding or other hot works that may be undertaken at Town Hall Station during this time. Subsequently, there could be a heightened risk of fire at the platform level.



What you must do

The purpose of this Notice is to advise maintainers undertaking hot works related activities at Town Hall Station of the heightened fire risk due to the compromised fire protection systems and consequential importance of ensuring extra precautions are taken to manage any potential fire risk.

If you are performing any hot works or other works that could introduce a fire risk, please contact Rail, Fire and Emergency (RFE) – formerly known as RERU, before performing the works. This is required to make them aware of the works so they can in turn advise on any extra precautionary measures that they feel need to be implemented during and after the works.

RFE have requested that portable firefighting equipment, in addition to that already required as per the Sydney Trains' SMS document [SMS-06-OP-3039 Hot Work](#), MUST be provided and be available for an additional period after the works are completed.

RFE's 24hr contact number is 9379 1685.

Contact your SEQR Representative or Line Manager if you have any questions.



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