



**FIRE
PROTECTION
PROCEDURES
FOR
RAIL
SERVICE
CREWS**

NOTIFY RAIL CONTROLLER

CTA PHONES DIAL 404 (direct)

or 2345*

PUBLIC PHONES MO 4-7200*

***and ask for Rail Controller**

CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT FI 7-1313

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENT OF FIRE ON OR NEAR A TRACK

A crew must notify the Rail Controller immediately when any fire is observed on or near a track. Once the exact location of the fire has been reported and the extent of the fire has been explained to the Controller, the crew must then attempt to provide the greatest degree of safety possible for its passengers.

Operating employees must always exercise concern to guard the Authority's property from fire and take steps to control any fire that they are equipped to deal with.

- If it seems that the crew can extinguish the fire
 - a. the Motorman must stop the train and attempt to extinguish the fire, and
 - b. the Conductor must protect the train by flagging.
- If the fire cannot be extinguished by the crew, they should continue in service and advise the Controller of the situation.

PROCEDURES FOR OPERATING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

DRY CHEMICAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER

This extinguisher is used for electrical fires. It can also be used for oil and grease fires.

TO USE:

1. Remove safety pin
2. Push down hard on lever located at top of extinguisher (this punctures cartridge)
3. Hold extinguisher by handle in vertical position
4. Grasp nozzle on end of hose, squeeze lever and direct discharge at base of fire, rapidly sweeping the entire area of the fire.



WATER PUMP FIRE EXTINGUISHER

The water pump fire extinguisher is used to extinguish fires in solid combustibles, such as paper, wood, and upholstered seats. It is most frequently used for fires involving track ties.

TO USE:

1. Place extinguisher on solid surface near fire



2. Aim nozzle at base of fire
3. Pull up and push down pump rod handle repeatedly (this forces water through hose)

REPORTING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER WHICH HAS BEEN USED

Whenever a fire extinguisher has been used it must be turned in to the Yard Foreman or Platform Supervisor at the Terminal where that trip is completed. **EMPTIED EXTINGUISHERS MUST NOT BE RETURNED TO THEIR POSITIONS ON THE TRAIN.** A "Defective Equipment Report" must be completed as soon as possible to record the absence of an extinguisher on that unit.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENT OF FIRE ON A CTA TRAIN

In the event of fire on a CTA train, the safety of the passengers must be the first consideration. Employees must make every effort to prevent passengers from becoming panic-stricken and from attempting to leave the train while it is in motion.

Upon discovering a fire or being notified of one, the following actions must be taken:

- Rail Controller must be notified immediately by train phone. If train phone is not working use a CTA phone found on any platform or station (dial 404 or 2345) or use a public telephone (dial MO 4-7200 ask for Rail Controller).
- Train must be stopped (within a station if possible).
- Other crew member must be notified (give "Need Assistance" buzzer signal).
- Passengers must be assisted to leave burning car.
 - a. If in station, passengers should alight to platform and stand clear.
 - b. If not in station, the following alternatives should be considered:
 - (1) Transfer passengers to another car
 - (2) Transfer passengers to another train (use gang planks if on adjacent track)
 - (3) Have passengers alight to structure

NOTE: This is the least desirable alternative and crews must remember to call for power "off" if it will be used

- If fire is limited to the car body heating system on 6000 Series equipment, go immediately to the heater switch in that car and turn it to the "off" position. A "Defective Equipment Report" must be completed and submitted as soon as possible.
- If fire seems related to electrical system, pan trolley must be lowered or trolley shoes must be raised and hooked on the burning car.

Dry-chemical type extinguisher must be secured and an attempt must be made to extinguish the fire.

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Upon discovering a fire or being notified of one, the following actions must be taken:

a. A Rail Controller must be notified immediately by train phone. If train phone is not working use a CTA phone found on any platform or station (dial 494 or 334) or use a public telephone (dial 800-4-7300 ask for Rail Controller).

b. Train must be stopped (within a station if possible).

c. Other crew member must be notified (give "Need Assistance" buzzer signal).

d. Passengers must be assisted to leave burning car.

a. If in station, passengers should alight to platform and stand clear.

b. If not in station, the following alternatives should be considered:

- (1) Transfer passengers to another car
- (2) Transfer passengers to another train (use gang planks if on adjacent track)
- (3) Have passengers alight to platform