

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE SAFETY ON RAPID TRANSIT TRACKS

If a person on the tracks performs an unsafe act, he may jeopardize lives - his own and others. The following guidelines will help you protect yourself when it is necessary for you to be on rapid transit tracks.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

1. BE ALERT - be conscious of the hazards presented by third rail and trains.
2. NEVER HESITATE TO SIGNAL A MOTORMAN TO SLOW OR STOP IF SAFETY IS INVOLVED. BUT NEVER DELAY SERVICE UNNECESSARILY.
3. USE CARE WHILE ON TRACKS
 - a. Expect trains to run on any track, in either direction.
 - b. Look in both directions before crossing tracks.
 - c. Don't cross tracks unnecessarily.
 - d. Step over rails, never on them.
 - e. Be careful that clothing and equipment do not brush third rail.
4. WEAR A BLAZE-ORANGE SAFETY VEST.

ACTIONS WHEN TRAINS APPROACH

1. STOP WORK
2. FACE TRAIN AND SIGNAL MOTORMAN TO SLOW OR STOP. (If in a group, designate one person to give all signals.)
3. MAKE CERTAIN YOUR EQUIPMENT IS IN THE CLEAR.
4. GO TO A POSITION WHERE YOU ARE CLEAR OF APPROACHING TRAIN.
 - a. Don't step to adjacent track unless sure it is clear and sure you can be seen by the Motorman of an approaching train.
 - b. Don't stand between trains on curves. If caught between trains, lie down on catwalk

5. WARN PERSONS WHO DO NOT SEEM AWARE OF APPROACHING TRAIN.
6. WHEN ALL CLEAR, FACE TRAIN AND SIGNAL MOTORMAN TO PROCEED.
NOTE: If motorman passes you without having received a "Proceed" signal, report the incident to the Motorman's station.
7. REMAIN STATIONARY, WATCHING THE TRAIN, UNTIL ENTIRE TRAIN HAS PASSED.

HAND, FLAG AND LANTERN SIGNALS

1. The speed with which a signal is given indicates the relative speed with which compliance is desired.
2. Any object waved violently by anyone on or near a track is a signal to stop.
3. A hand or flag, waved the same as a lantern, gives the same indication as signals illustrated below:

