



TRACK ACCESS SAFETY - QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

TRACK ACCESS PROGRAM

Track Access Safety Program is a means of providing a safe work zone for employees and minimizing the dangers on the right of way. These include the risk of getting struck by moving vehicles. This reference guide is meant as a quick-reference companion to the Track Access Safety Training and RO101.13 Work Performed on the Tide Right of Way.

For more information, consult the RO101.13 Work Performed on the Tide Right of Way

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

All workers must wear Safety Vests and Safety Shoes/Boots with ankle support at all times, when on or within the Right of Way!

Other PPE:

- Safety Glasses (if applicable)
- Other PPE as required based on the work to be performed.

SAFETY AROUND TRACKS AND SWITCHES

When walking on tracks, all workers must walk facing on-coming traffic. Workers must never walk with your back facing on-coming traffic, when on the Right of Way.

No worker shall:

- Sit
- Stand
- Step
- Walk or Run on any rail/track

RAILROAD COMMUNICATION

Train Operators will sound four (4) short horn blasts to request hand signal.

Train Operators will sound two (2) short horn blasts to acknowledge hand signals

RAILROAD COMMUNICATION – PROCEED HAND SIGNAL

Arm raised and lowered vertically indicates to the train operator that all items are clear and to proceed through the area



TRAINING REQUIRED

Level 1 – Required to perform work on or within the Right-of-Way. Level 1 only qualified workers must not enter the right of way for any reason without a Level 2 qualified flag-person.

Level 2 – Required to perform work as a flag-person on or within the Right of Way.

NO WORKERS/PERSONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACCESS THE RIGHT OF WAY AT ANYTIME WITHOUT THE REQUIRED TRACK ACCESS SAFETY TRAINING AND AUTHORIZATION FROM THE RAIL OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTER (OCC)

OVERHEAD CATENARY SYSTEM (OCS)

The Overhead Catenary System (OCS) consists of:

- Traction Power Substations
- Electrified overhead wires
- Feeder Cables
- Negative Return wires

The electric overhead wires are energized with 750vdc of electricity. Workers must maintain a 10' clearance from any overhead wires. OCS wires must be considered energized unless it is field verified that it is de-energized.

NO CLEARANCE AREAS

Workers must **NEVER** allow trains to pass while working with a No Clearance Areas.

No clearance Zone are areas where there is not enough space between the train and the worker to allow the safe passage of trains.

RAILROAD COMMUNICATION – STOP HAND SIGNAL

STOP HAND SIGNAL

Arm swung horizontally at right angle to the track, indicates to the train operator that they must stop



WORK ZONES

Workers must stay in the authorized work zone unless authorized by OCC accompanied by a Level 2 qualified flagperson.

