

Fire on train

If fire is noticed in a running train, the staff who noticed the fire shall alert Loco Pilot at once to stop the train by showing danger signal, red flag or red lamp or by any means available. In electrified sections, the OHE power supply should be switched off. Once the train is stopped, if it is a passenger carrying train, the passengers in the vehicles shall be evacuated at once with the help of on-board staff. The vehicles behind (in the direction of wind) the one on fire shall be detached and the front portion of the train then moved forward so as to prevent the rear vehicles catching fire. As soon as the front portion of the train has moved forward to a sufficient distance, the burning vehicle shall be detached and the vehicles in front of it shall then be moved forward to a safe distance. While and after doing these actions, each portion of the train shall be secured properly as per the gradient so as to avoid rolling down.

When a fire occurs in a train composed of vestibuled stock, the 'Link' holding the Fastening Lever on both the sides of the vestibule connection shall be disconnected immediately and then the vestibule is separated with handle provided. The couplings of the vehicles shall be unfastened and then the vehicles are separated. If circumstances do not permit unfastening the vestibule fitting, immediate action shall be taken to unfasten the couplings beneath the corridor foot-plate and an attempt shall be made to separate the vehicles by making the engine pull them apart, thereby tearing off the vestibule.

In case of CBC coaches, the Guard or Assistant Loco Pilot, whoever nearer to the affected coach, shall unlock the CBC operating handle and open the couplings for detaching affected coaches. The CBC operating handle key is provided as personal equipment of Loco Pilot and Guard.

The Guard shall immediately switch off the electric lights and fans, by operating the control switch to the 'off' position. The Guard shall disconnect the Kent couplers, at each end of the vehicles in which the fire has occurred. After isolating the vehicle every effort shall be made to extinguish the fire and to save the contents of the burning vehicle.

Wagons Tilting

Wagons run tilted due to shifting of load inside the wagon. Loads get shifted inside the wagons due to improper stacking or unequal unloading of contents leaving more loads on one side. Such wagons have possibility of derailment on sharp curves. Train crew, Station staff while exchanging alright signals, Gatemen and such other railway staff on noticing tilted wagons on a running train shall make efforts to stop the train. Once the train is stopped, if it is in the mid-section, it has to be examined by Loco Pilot and guard for safe running to clear the block section with restricted speed. If they are satisfied, the train shall be taken to the next station for getting the load adjusted.