

GR06 General Responsibilities

GR06 - 1.0 Purpose

To prescribe the rules for the responsibilities of primary workers that the rules affect.

GR06 - 2.0 General

All Concerned

Any person carrying out a rail safety task or monitoring rail safety communications shall take the necessary action to eliminate the risk of being distracted at a crucial time in their task.

GR06 - 3.0 Rail Traffic Crew

Rail Traffic Crew

You must always apply the responsibilities of your role in accordance with the role description, in this rule and the associated rules for the task.

GR06 - 3.1 Competency

Rail Traffic Crew

You must be competent:

- in the operation of the rail traffic
- in the signalling systems and methods relevant to your area of operation
- in the operational systems relevant to your location of operations
- for the route over which you operate rail traffic.



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GR06 - 3.2 Communications

Rail Traffic Crew

You must:

- inform the Rail Controller if there is a defect on the rail traffic or an infrastructure defect is detected
- assist with Competent Workers during the performance of your duties
- report any breaches to rules to the Rail Controller, and
- promptly report delays to the Rail Controller.

GR06 - 3.3 Rail Traffic Operations

Rail Traffic Crew

You must:

- make sure the rail traffic is safe to operate before it enters and during travel in the network
- observe the track in the direction of travel
- regularly look back along and monitor your rail traffic for irregularities
- monitor other rail traffic for irregularities
- not engage in any activity that distracts your attention, or the attention of others
- manage distractions in the cab
- maintain a good lookout and be vigilant, alert and be prepared to act.
- be prepared to stop or reduce rail traffic speed if required
- not exceed the track speed limits
- reduce rail traffic speed if conditions prevent safe operation at normal speed
- stop, if braking equipment is not operating as expected
- pay attention when:
 - authorities are being received
 - there is reduced track visibility for any reason
 - approaching a crossing or passing location, signals, indicators



and signs, track workers, or level crossings.

GR06 - 3.4 Exiting a Hi-Rail Vehicle on the Live-Side at multiple track locations

Rail Traffic Crew

If there is a requirement to exit a hi-rail vehicle on the live-side at multiple track locations, prior to exiting the hi-rail vehicle, the hi-rail vehicle operator shall either:

- Exit the vehicle under lookout protection (if a lookout is available and there is sufficient sighting distance). This clause applies to Road / Rail Vehicle Hi-Rails i.e. light vehicle road rail vehicles, "Flashbutt" welding trucks and Switch Grinder Hi-rails only and does not apply to Pettibones and Hi-rail excavators; or
- Advise the Rail Controller and receive confirmation from the Rail Controller that the track section of adjacent track is clear of rail traffic, signals for the adjacent track are placed at STOP and appropriate electronic blocking has been applied.

GR06 - 3.5 Travelling in Cabs of Rail Traffic

Rail Traffic Crew

You must only permit authorised personnel to travel in the cab of the rail traffic you operate.

GR06 - 3.6 Rail Traffic Crew Change Over

Rail Traffic Crew

When relieving Rail Traffic Crew, you must check the status of the authority in effect and make sure that it is:

- understood, and
- current.

If you are being relieved, you must not depart until you have made sure the relieving Rail Traffic Crew understands:



- the status of the authority in effect
- the status of track and any temporary speed restrictions in place
- any factors that could affect the safety of rail traffic

GR06 - 3.7 Confirming Rail Traffic is Complete

Rail Traffic Crew

When it is necessary to determine that rail traffic is complete, you must use one of the following methods:

- a visual inspection to:
 - verify the presence of the end-of-train marker or
 - review of an end-of-train monitoring system to provide confirmation.
- check the brake gauge:
 - to make sure no unaccounted brake reduction has occurred, and
 - no other sign on the brake gauge is evident to indicate the rail traffic is not complete.
- confirm the correct vehicle is at the rear of the rail traffic.
- verify the correct number of vehicles are in the consist.

GR06 - 3.8 Fatigue breaks and management

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A driver's fatigue break can be requested within the duration of their shift and taken in consultation with the Rail Controller.

Refer to procedure [NP25 – Fatigue breaks and Changeover] and the Fatigue Management Policy [Controlled Document: WAIO Fatigue Management (SPR-IHS-SAFOH-004)] for further information.



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GR06 - 4.0 Rail Controller

Rail Controller

You must always apply the responsibilities of your role in accordance with the role description in this rule and the associated rules for the task.

Primary Requirements of Role GR06 - 4.1

Rail Controller

Your primary responsibility is to manage the movement of rail traffic in the network in a safe and timely manner.

You must:

- plan and set priorities for managing rail traffic movements
- issue proceed authorities, work on track authorities and methods only when safe to do so
- liaise with relevant maintenance representatives, external services, and other affected parties during incident management
- make sure that rail control system equipment is operated safely
- respond to equipment failures and warning alarms promptly
- make certain accurate time is maintained and used
- maintain accurate information on the train control diagram for rail traffic movements, work on track authorities and methods
- not engage in any activity that distracts attention from your duties or that may distract others
- manage methods of alternative operations
- provide rail traffic details to other affected Rail Controllers, as necessary
- promptly report incidents and breaches of rules.



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GR06 - 4.2 Record Keeping

Except during emergencies, you must complete the transmission, verification and recording of each proceed authority, work on track authority and method where required before commencing any other activity.

You must keep a permanent record of relevant conditions and movements in the network as detailed in the rules.

GR06 - 5.0 Track Protection Officer

Track Protection Officer

You must always apply the responsibilities of your role in accordance with the role description in this rule and the associated rules for the task.

GR06 - 5.1 Primary Requirements of the Role

Track Protection Officer

Your primary duty and responsibility are to:

- keep the worksite and workers safe
- coordinate track maintenance or construction workgroups and associated rail traffic in liaison with the Rail Controller
- obtain work on track authorities and methods
- determine the protection measures required for work on track.

GR06 - 5.2 Managing Safety

You are responsible for managing the rail safety component of worksite protection and must:

- inform workers about the locations of safe places, and the safety measures in place
- be the only person to speak to Rail Controllers about safety arrangements
- make sure that the agreed safety measures are in place before work starts



make sure no other work will interfere with your protection duties.

You must inform members of the workgroup and make a record about the limits of protection in place:

- before work begins, and
- if the protection arrangements change.

When your work on track authority interfaces with another work on track authority, you must frequently share information concerning rail traffic's anticipated movement.

GR06 - 5.3 Record Keeping

You must keep permanent records of:

- the worksite records
- any protection arrangements for worksites
- communications with the Rail Controller about current protection arrangements and changes in the protection arrangements.

GR06 - 6.0 Related Documents

Procedure [NP17 – Spoken and Written Communications]
Procedure [NP25 – Fatigue breaks and Changeovers]
Fatigue Management Policy [Controlled Document: WAIO Fatigue Management (SPR-IHS-SAFOH-004)]

GR06 - 7.0 Effective Date

15 August 2022