

Work Near Railways

- This addresses the situation where you are working adjacent to rail lines, but outside the fence. Where you are working inside the fence on Rail Property you need special training and need a “PTS” Card.
- The boundary between your site and the railway must be securely fenced off. If you see any breaches of the fence or if it is damaged, inform your foreman
- No rig or crane must be positioned where it could topple onto the railway.
- Crane jibs must be kept parallel to or pointing away from the rail tracks so if the derricking ropes fail, the jib will not fall onto the tracks.
- Long Casings or Cages must be secured back to plant so that they too cannot fall onto the track
- If there is overhead power to the train, this will be at 11 thousand Volts. At this voltage, current can jump in damp conditions so never allow anything to pass over the rail boundary fence.
- All crane loads must be guided with two tag lines to ensure it is under full control. Remember you can't push on a tag line
- Make sure the Foreman knows what the Network Rail Emergency Phone number is to be able to stop the Trains.

Did you know?

Crashes of high speed trains are very rare but when they do occur they can cause great loss of life.



Q. Why are you not allowed on Rail Property?

Q. What is the Number 1 Rule for Crane Jibs when working near the Railway?