

GERT8000-G1, Rule Book Module G1, *General safety responsibilities and personal track safety for non-track workers*

If you come across a damaged fence, you must secure it if you can, and report any defects to the signaller or Operations Control.

1.6 Reporting lineside fires

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You must immediately report a lineside fire to the signaller or Operations Control.

1.7 Reporting trespassers

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You must report anyone you believe to be trespassing to the signaller or Operations Control.

1.8 Flowing or pooling water that might affect structures or earthworks

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You must immediately report any flowing or pooling water that might affect structures or earthworks to the signaller or Operations Control. Examples of this include:

- water rising up from the track or the cess
- unusual amounts of water pooling next to the track or in the cess
- water flowing down or pouring out of the sides of embankments or cuttings.

You must tell the signaller or Operations Control if the water appears to be displacing any material.

1.9 Defective rail vehicles

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You must not remove or obscure a NOT TO GO or other repair label on a defective rail vehicle unless you are authorised to do so.

1.10 Overhead power lines, which belong to an electricity company, collapsing

If an overhead electric power line belonging to an electricity company falls onto or near the railway line, all affected lines must be protected. If necessary, you must carry out the instructions shown in section 3 of this module.

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You must not go closer than 5 metres (approximately 5 yards) to the fallen power line or anything in contact with it, until it has been confirmed by the electricity company that it is safe to do so.

1.11 Detonators

If you have placed detonators on the line and you expect a train to pass over them, you must:

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- stand at least 30 metres (approximately 30 yards) away from the detonators
- tell anyone else standing close by to also keep this distance away
- as the train passes over them, turn away.

If you have placed detonators on the line and you do not expect a train to pass over them, you can stay at the detonators if the rules require this.

3 Stopping a train in an emergency

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The following hazards might put approaching trains in danger.

- A track defect.
- A flood.
- An obstruction.
- A fire.
- Damage to structures or earthworks above or below the line.
- Any light which is out at an emergency indicator.
- A cow, bull or other large animal within the boundary fence (even if it is not an immediate danger to trains).
- Any other animals on or near the line.

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If you become aware of any of these hazards or other dangers, you must immediately tell the signaller. If this is not possible, you must tell the person in charge (who must tell the signaller).

As well as reporting the hazard, you must take any other necessary action, such as:

- stopping trains
- calling the emergency services.

If you have to stop a train in an emergency, you must show a hand danger signal clearly to the driver using one of the following methods.

During daylight

You must show a red flag. If you do not have a red flag, raise both arms above your head. If you are riding on a vehicle, raise one arm held out horizontally.

During darkness or in poor visibility

You must show a red light to the driver or wave any light violently.