

Why does the change in standard **019** make me safer?

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Why?

Hmmm... I'm not convinced

What does this mean for me?

OK, now it's falling into place

What can I expect the changes to look like out on the track?

Having one person in charge makes you safer

Evidence shows that you're more likely to be hurt when you don't know who's responsible for safety

Today on a worksite there is no one person in charge. There will often be one person in charge of operational safety - such as protection from trains and another in charge of getting the work done

This means you don't have clarity on who is 'the boss' and you may get different instructions on what to do to stay safe

The person in charge's focus is to look after you and your colleagues

When arriving on site, you will receive a safety briefing before the work begins. This will be delivered by the Person in charge who is the person you need to alert if you believe you or others are at risk

It is important to think about task risk before you start

When you are on or near the line, trains are not the only thing that can hurt you. Depending on the task you're carrying out there are lots of other things that can go wrong

Our records shows that you are more likely to be injured when carrying out a task than being struck by a train. Therefore including the controls to mitigate this risk is crucial and could save your life

The introduction of task risk when planning work means that these risks are identified and controls are in place to make sure you don't get hurt

The new Safe Work Pack (SWP) will bring together all aspects of your safety into one place whilst making sure that controls are in place to manage them

Whilst out on a work site, it's not just the movement of trains that pose a risk to your safety. The tasks that you will be carrying out will have been considered in the planning process, the potential risks to your safety identified and controls put in place to make sure you can carry out your work safely

Having the person in charge involved in planning the task is important

The person in charge understands the real risks that exist on a worksite because they have the experience of being out on track. They can help the planner to build a plan that highlights the significant risks of the task and site, and include details on how they can be managed so nobody gets hurt

The person in charge will verify the information prior to the work starting, providing an additional layer of protection which in turn reduces the risk you are exposed to

By being involved in the planning the person in charge will be familiar with the plan and can be really confident in delivering it

Even more importantly, this means that the person in charge can give a really clear brief to colleagues on the risks and how to avoid them

The person who delivered your safety briefing will have been involved in planning the work; they will have verified that they are happy with the work that they are responsible for delivering, the risks involved and the controls in place

Verification & authorisation reduce risks

Verification of the pack is crucial and makes you safer. Other experienced people are checking the plan to make sure that the plan has identified all the things likely to hurt people

It means we are much more likely to find mistakes before the plan is put to use

Which also means we are less likely to need to change the plan last minute

Changing the plan last minute can create confusion and reduce the level of protection or warning available, meaning that we make the work site a more dangerous place to be

Verification and Authorisation of the Safe Work Pack is carried out by people with extensive knowledge of the task, the specific work site and its environment. They will be the person in charge when the work is carried out. Safety is everyone's responsibility, so if you believe there is a potential risk to you or others that has not been identified on the day then alert the person in charge and await further instructions

You will be briefed on all risks involved

The person in charge will now brief colleagues on ALL the risks (not just protection from trains) and how everyone will know how they and their colleagues can avoid the risks and stay safe

They will fully understand all the risks and not just the risks associated with staying safe from trains

They will include a brief on ALL risks and not just site risks

Leaving you clear on what to do in the event of an accident and free to focus on the work ahead

When receiving your brief, this will now include key site and task risks, in addition to the operational risks you may be used to hearing about. It's important that this is included and the full briefing is delivered as it's there to keep you and your colleagues safe

Including a runaway risk makes you safer

The Runaway Risk is poses a real danger to our people

The new Safe Work Pack (SWP) will bring together all aspects of your safety into one place whilst making sure that controls are in place to manage them

We now think about how those working around us could create runaway risk and increase your chances of being hurt

Understanding if runaway risk exists and putting in place controls means our colleagues are either protected from Runaways or Warned before they reach them. Leaving you clear on the risks involved in doing the work and the mitigation which is in place.

By having the specific risk associated with a runaway considered as part of the plan, you will now be safer as the controls to protect you from any identified runaway risks will have been considered and will be put in place. If you believe you may be at risk then alert the person in charge immediately