



Safety Alert

Accessing and Working in the Rail Corridor

UNSAFE PRACTICES

Recent inspections of worksites within the Sydenham to Bankstown Sydney Metro Local Possession Authority (SMLPA) identified the following inconsistent practices:

1. Inadequate worksite **delineation**.
2. Inadequate implementation of **worksite protection plans**; and
3. Poor **role clarification** between worksite protection officers (PO's) and other's working under their supervision and instruction.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

WORKSITE PROTECTION AND DELINEATION

All worksites must be:

- Approved by the *Possession Protection Officer* (PPO).
- Delineated with markers that include the contact details of PO associated with the worksite.

Note: The PPO must authorise the placement and removal of any worksite protection or delineation.

COMPETENCY VERIFICATION

All Persons:

All persons conducting rail safety work in the Sydenham to Bankstown rail corridor must:

- Ensure RSW competencies are current and are recorded in the RIW system.
- Be in possession of a RIW card at all times.
- Provide the RIW card when requested to allow verification of required RSW competencies.

Site Supervisors:

- Verify all persons working under your supervision and instruction have the required *Rail Safety Worker* (RSW) competencies before accessing the rail corridor or conducting rail safety work.

Protection Officers must:

- Ensure [Worksite Protection Plans](#) align to *Sydney Metro Rail Operating Procedure* (SM-18-00058353).
- Be in possession of a mobile device with the RIW App and scanner.
- Assist site supervisors to verify RSW competencies using the *Rail Industry Worker* (RIW) authentication application scanner.
- Not permit any person to access the rail corridor or conduct RSW if their competencies cannot be verified.



Additional Information

- Contact the Sydney Metro Safety Team on: sydneymetro.safety@transport.nsw.gov.au

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