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Lookouts

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Introduction

Lookouts give warning about *rail traffic* movements to workers in the *Danger Zone*.

Lookouts must have:

- *effective communication* with workers, and
- effective sighting of workers and approaching rail traffic, and
- one or more *audible warning devices*.



Lookouts do no work other than look for, and give warning about, the approach of rail traffic.

Protection Officer

1. Decide on the number of Lookouts needed to keep watch for rail traffic and give warning.
2. If necessary, place an additional Lookout before the Lookout closest to the worksite, to give earlier warning about approaching rail traffic.



The maximum number of Lookouts in any running direction on each line is two (2).
The additional Lookout *must* stay within sight and hearing of the Lookout closest to the worksite.

Giving warning



Lookouts must not use radios or telephones to warn workers.

Lookouts

1. Agree with the *Protection Officer* about how workers will be warned about the approach of rail traffic.
2. Stand or walk in a *safe place* where you can see approaching rail traffic and be within sight and hearing of the workers. If you cannot do both of these safely, tell the Protection Officer.
3. Keep a continuous watch for the approach of rail traffic.
4. If you see or are advised that rail traffic is approaching, warn the workers immediately
5. Only if workers and their equipment are in a safe place, face the approaching rail traffic and give an ALL CLEAR *handsignal* to the *Driver* or *track vehicle operator*.
6. Wait for the Driver or track vehicle operator to acknowledge the ALL CLEAR handsignal.
7. Make sure that the line is clear before telling the Protection Officer that it is safe for work to resume.
8. Tell the Protection Officer if you need to move from your designated position, and only move if all workers and their equipment are in a safe place, or a new Lookout is in position.
9. If conditions such as visibility change, tell the Protection Officer.

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