
RAIL SAFETY UPDATE



Welcome to the latest rail safety update,

Please read on for information about safety performance reports, upcoming changes to the Safety Case framework, a new format for the nzta.govt.nz rail safety pages and news about our Manager Rail Safety Compliance & Interventions.

Safety performance reports

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their annual Safety Performance Report. These reports are important as they help us better understand your operations, hear in detail what you've been doing to ensure continuous safety improvement, and identify common areas of risk so we can adjust our regulatory priorities accordingly. They're also a great opportunity for you and your organisation to take stock of the previous year and help frame up your safety priorities for the next twelve months.

Safety cases revamp underway

Many of you are already aware that the Transport Agency is revamping its approach around Safety Cases.

Safety Cases are the foundation of how our rail licencing system works. This work will give you clearer guidance and expectations to make Safety Cases a more valuable tool for both the regulator and licence holders.

A number of licence holders have volunteered to try-out the new material for us, and it should be with them in the next few months. Once we have improved the approach with the feedback from this trial, we hope many will take the opportunity to use it to refresh their Safety Cases.

Refreshed rail safety information online

We have recently refreshed the rail information on the Transport Agency website to make it clearer and easier to use.

You can check out the new pages at www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/rail. As well as information about operating a railway and safety around railway lines you will also find pages that explain the Transport Agency's role in rail safety and links to resources such as our [operating model](#).

We have also published our first set of [rail safety statistics](#), which we'll be looking to build on over time. Currently provided are the national figures for rail accident deaths and serious injuries, vehicle collisions, level crossing events, SPAD A, derailments, and contextual indicators such as passenger journeys and length of track.

Departure of Dave Robson, Manager Compliance & Interventions

After 11 years at the Transport Agency in various regulatory and business management roles, our Rail Safety Compliance and Interventions Manager Dave Robson is leaving to take up an exciting new opportunity. Dave is joining the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment where he will oversee performance of the Building Code and some aspects of the Building Act as the Manager Building Performance and Engineering.

Dave has been an integral part of the Rail Safety Team for the past two and a half years and he will be sorely missed, but I'm certain that the hard work he has put into helping to

shape and support the team will continue paying off. He finishes this week and we will start tackling the job of finding someone to fill his shoes straightaway.

On a personal note, I am now four weeks into the job and am really enjoying getting my head around the many ins and outs of the rail industry. I'm looking forward to the rest of the journey and to meeting many of you in person along the way.

Kind regards,

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