

## **Instructions for railroad facilities**

### **1. Entering railroad facilities**

- 1.1. Railroad facilities according to the Austrian General Railway Act are buildings, stationary facilities and premises that are used directly or indirectly for the handling or securing of railway operation or railway traffic (e.g. train stations, tracks, level crossings, warehouses, substations, workshops etc.) even if there is no geographical connection with track installations.
- 1.2. Without the written permission of the ÖBB bodies authorised to issue them, only the railroad facilities that are open to the public may be entered.
- 1.3. The areas of railroad facilities that are not accessible to the general public may – even with a valid permit – only be entered after contact was made with the local railway supervising body and/or the ÖBB staff in charge on site and after the person was demonstrably instructed on the risks of railroad operation. Follow their instructions.
- 1.4. While staying in the danger zone of railroad facilities, people have to wear suitable high-visibility clothing (according to Construction Worker Protection Ordinance § 29 (2) 6).

### **2. Use of certain pathways**

- 2.1. In the area of railroad facilities, only pathways and installations that are also accessible to the general public may be used as a matter of principle. If certain pathways are prescribed (e.g. in the official station regulations), only these may be used. If you have to enter and/or cross track installations in special cases, the pathways specified by the local railway supervising body have to be used.
- 2.2. Use pathways at the border when walking along tracks. Walking on the tracks is strictly prohibited.
- 2.3. As a matter of principle, walking around inside the danger zone is only allowed under the supervision of local ÖBB staff in charge or a security guard.

### **3. Instructions for railroad facilities**

- 3.1. Inside railroad facilities, always be careful and be especially attentive. The instructions intended to ensure personal safety have to be followed.
- 3.2. Motor vehicles and bicycles may only be used on pathways that are approved for them.
- 3.3. Be particularly cautious when same-track crossings, especially in the area of platforms, have to be negotiated and you have no free view of the tracks. The crossing of tracks in front of approaching vehicles and stopping on track crossings are prohibited.

#### **4. Instructions for entering areas with tracks**

- 4.1. Walking or standing on tracks or in the respective danger zone is prohibited unless local ÖBB staff in charge or a security guard is present.
- 4.2. On pathways alongside tracks, trolleys, carts, etc. may only be accompanied on the side that is facing away from the tracks.
- 4.3. Staying inside areas where vehicles are caught with brake shoes is prohibited.
- 4.4. Danger signals and other warning signals have to be observed immediately.
- 4.5. When vehicles approach, you have to leave the danger zone in good time. If you have to cross other tracks in order to do that, you have to watch out in particular for approaching vehicles on both sides in front of each of those tracks. Always wait for vehicles to pass staying on pathways along the wall or outside the tracks.
- 4.6. When trains, shunting parts or other vehicles pass by, anomalies such as consignments that exceed the loading dimensions or irregularities such as open doors, loads that have shifted, etc. can put you at risk.
- 4.7. The crossing of tracks in front of approaching, directly behind rolling trains, just in front of or behind and/or in between moving shunting parts or other vehicles is prohibited.
- 4.8. Stationary vehicles have to be sidestepped when crossing tracks, keeping a distance of at least 10 m. Facilities for stepping across on vehicles, e.g. platforms, must not be used. Do not open any doors.
- 4.9. Climbing on vehicles, crawling through under vehicles, climbing over buffers or couplings or walking through between the buffers of vehicles that are less than 20 m apart is prohibited.
- 4.10. Exercise special caution when carrying loads in the vicinity of tracks. Heavy, large objects must neither be carried nor unloaded or loaded if vehicles are moving on neighbouring tracks. People who have to carry objects that might get in the area of neighbouring tracks or heavy objects in the vicinity of tracks have to sidestep approaching vehicles particularly early and at a sufficient distance.
- 4.11. Treading on rails, point blades, point bars, point heating and standing in between movable point parts or the point machine is prohibited.
- 4.12. Pay special attention to obstacles such as wire cable lines, concrete and/or sheet metal covers, cable marking stones, track and point fixed points, safety boxes for point machines, cable connections, and the like.

#### **5. Instructions for the vicinity of electrical installations**

- 5.1. Railway power installations – this includes works, transmission lines (110 kV), overhead line systems (15kV) and ancillary loads and other electrical railroad facilities – always have to be considered live components. Approaching unsecured, live components without consideration of the respective safety precautions or the touching of such parts is life-threatening and consequently prohibited. Always keep a safety distance of 3.0 m to such installations.

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