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ZERO FATALITIES

SOFA ALERT

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Employee Fatality:

On April 4, 2025: At approximately 9:30 a.m. PST an employee was crushed in between two railcars during switching operations while shoving. This incident occurred in Richmond, California.

Take-Away

While this recent case has not yet been analyzed, the SOFA Working Group reminds all employees to remain vigilant during switching operations. Last, but not least, stop the movement in instances of uncertainty and remember to always hold a job briefing whenever the job or situation changes.

Most Common Findings in Switching Operations Fatalities

Close / No
Clearance

25%

Inexperienced
Employee

22%

Industry
Hazard

21%

Inadequate
Job Briefing

20%

Struck by
Mainline Train

17%

As a cross-industry collaboration for over 20 years, the SOFA Working Group has identified the Possible Contributing Factors for more than 210 switching operations fatalities since 1992. The SOFA Working Group reports its finding and emerging data trends with the goal of zero fatalities in the railroad industry.