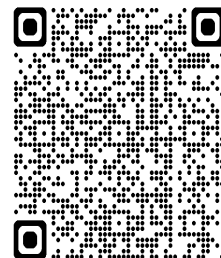




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# SOFA ALERT

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**Serious Injury: On June 25, 2025:** A conductor with 11 years of experience was severely injured while involved in a shove movement into an industry track. During the operation, the cut of cars the employee was riding made contact with an industry car mover that was fouling the track being entered.

## Take Away

*While this recent case has not yet been analyzed, the SOFA Working Group reminds all employees to remain vigilant during switching operations, especially when switching between adjacent tracks. The working group would like to encourage stakeholders to ensure that equipment is standing clear of adjacent tracks before beginning a shove movement, especially during continuous 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



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.