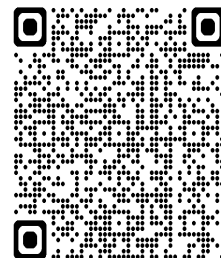




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ZERO FATALITIES



SOFA ALERT

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Serious Injury: On October 17th, 2025, at 19:20 in Newark, NJ, a conductor with three years of experience sustained injuries leading to the amputation of multiple toes on both feet. The incident occurred during a humping operation while the employee was positioned between equipment attempting to uncouple two cars at approximately 1.9 mph. The employee lost balance and fell beneath the moving cars.

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.