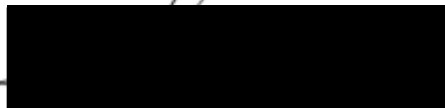




Title: **Calling On and Off of the Right-of-Way**

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INTRODUCTION

To ensure the safety of personnel working on or near the right-of-way, workers on the right-of-way must establish and maintain good communication with the Control Center. This will enable Rapid Transit Operators (RTOs) who may encounter the personnel to be properly informed of the workers' presence. One person of a group entering the right-of-way must be designated as the primary contact with the Controller for calling on and off of the right-of-way. When under the protection of flagmen, one of the flagmen will be the primary contact person.

ENTERING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Prior to entering the right-of-way, personnel must:

- Call the Rail Controller via two-way radio (rail route channel, or channel 2) to request permission to enter the right-of-way at a specific location. Provide:
 - Your radio call number
 - Your badge number
 - Your location (from and to)
 - The track direction upon which you will be located
 - The approximate length of time you expect to be on the right-of-way at that location
 - The number of people entering the right-of-way

If permission is granted, the Controller will notify approaching trains of the presence of personnel on the right-of-way.

- If moving, call on to the right-of-way from location to location. Call the Rail Controller again every time you change locations. Call off the prior track area and call on to the new track area.
- Notify the Controller if you will be turning on the Workers Ahead (WA) Warning System. Refer to SOP 8111 *Workers Ahead Warning System* for details of the system's use. The Controller will notify approaching trains to ensure RTOs are aware of your presence and the activation of the WA system.

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- Personnel must call off of the right-of-way ***every time they leave the area***, including for lunch breaks and personals. They must also call off whenever there are fewer flagmen remaining than specified in the applicable Rail Service Bulletin or as described in SOP 7037 *Flagging on the Right-of-Way* and in the system-wide Flagging Requirements Manual.
- Notify the Controller when turning off a WA system. The Controller will notify approaching trains that the personnel have left the WA zone and that the WA system is off.