

SAFETY ALERT

CSX

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» Riding Locomotive Platforms

On February 9, 2022 A BNSF remote control operator was operating while riding the locomotive platform. The investigation indicates that slack action resulted in the employee falling from the front of the locomotive into the path of the movement. Although the investigation is on-going, there are lessons we can take from this tragic event to ensure CSX employees protect themselves from a similar occurrence.

- Employees riding on the platform of a locomotive must take the safe course and **NOT** be located behind the chains at the center of the handrails. On locomotive platforms, employees must secure 3-points of contact with the handrails and railings that provide the most secure and stable protection.
- When riding any equipment, employees must ensure they have 3-points of contact that provides stability against unexpected slack.
- When starting movements, remote control operators must ensure movement begins with selection of “couple” and allow slack to adjust and entire train to move before moving speed selector to 4 MPH.



Movement will be initiated by selecting Couple Remember to keep the RCL moving at a slow speed (2 mph or less) until the entire cut is moving. The 4 mph setting should not be selected until slack has adjusted and entire train is moving