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BNSF Railway Co.
ALL DIVISIONS

SYSTEM GENERAL ORDER No. 24

TO ALL CONCERNED,

SUBJECT: TYE Safety Rules

System General Order No. 11 is canceled.

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Explanation: Effective November 1, 2025
- S-13.1.5 Riding On Moving Equipment amended
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Amendments to BNSF TYE Safety Rules dated June 1, 2025.
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Effective September 1, 2025

S-13.1.5 Riding In or On Moving Equipment

A. Determining Whether to Ride

11th bullet reading:

* No Clearance and Close Track Center Restrictions: Employees must not ride or knowingly allow others to ride the no clearance side of equipment at locations where no clearance exists, including any of the following conditions:

Is changed to read:

* No Clearance Restrictions: Employees must not ride or knowingly allow others to ride the no clearance side of equipment at locations where no clearance exists, including any of the following conditions:

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Sub-bullet has been deleted reading:

- At locations that have been identified by timetable or special instructions as having close track centers unless that portion of adjacent track is known to be clear.

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New 12th bullet added reading:

* Close Track Center Restriction: Employees must not ride or knowingly allow others to ride any equipment at locations that have been identified by timetable or special instructions as having close track centers.

S-13.1.5 Riding On Moving Equipment is changed in its entirety to read:

Ride equipment only if necessary and if you have determined that you can do so safely. Consider other alternatives to complete the task that do not require riding the equipment.

Employees must not ride or knowingly allow others to ride equipment in a manner that is not in compliance with requirements within this rule.

Consider your physical capabilities and limitations. Ride only if configuration allows for a firm grip, erect and normal body position. Consider the makeup of your train or cut of cars prior to riding.

A. Determining Whether to Ride

Employees must not ride under the following conditions:

* If walkway conditions permit, do not ride movements on freight cars if the move will be 5 cars or less.
* Do not ride the exterior of the leading end of cars or locomotives over crossings not equipped with gates, except within yards

  Note: Industry and customer facility tracks are not considered yards in the application of this rule.

  Does not apply to the following equipment:
  - Flat cars may be ridden at the geographical center of the car by maintaining a kneeling or sitting position.
  - Shove car/platforms may be ridden at the designated riding location of the car, not including steps.

* No clearance restrictions: Do not ride the no clearance side of equipment at locations where no clearance exists, that have been identified by timetable or specific instructions including any of the following conditions:
  - Between a structure and a moving car or locomotive.
  - Through gates or doorways. (Gates or doors must be secured in the open position).
  - Into, out or within enclosed buildings.
  - When it cannot be visually determined that equipment on an adjacent track is in the clear or behind the clearance point.
  - On industry tracks at locations where signs may be placed, advising of no clearance.

* Close Track Center Restriction: Employees must not ride or knowingly allow others to ride equipment at locations that have been identified by timetable or specific instructions as having close track centers.

  Exceptions:
  * Riding is allowed at the designated riding location on locomotives and shove car/platforms.
  * Riding is allowed on segments of track where no adjacent track exists.

* When snow and ice are observed building up on portion of tracks to be used, locomotive(s) must precede movement on that portion of track before cars can be ridden into those tracks.
  - If track condition cannot clearly be observed because of debris (e.g. snow, ice, water, grain, mud, etc.) do not ride on either side of equipment or locomotive exterior.

* Intermodal Facilities / Hubs, do not ride the exterior of cars or locomotives on strip / ramp tracks.

  Does not apply to the following equipment:
  - Flat cars may be ridden at the geographical center of the car by maintaining a kneeling or sitting position.
  - Shove car/platforms may be ridden at the designated riding location of the car, not including steps.

B. Riding On Any Cars

* When equipment will be ridden, notify the engineer and proceed only after the engineer has acknowledged that you are going to ride.
* Complete any couplings from the ground after movement is stopped.
* If you need to move between freight cars, dismount and walk to next car.
* When possible, ride the side of equipment away from cars on an adjacent track, and away from a main track or siding.

Note: When two or more employees are riding equipment, both must ride on the same side. One employee should be positioned at the leading or trailing end, while the other rides at the nearest suitable location on the same side of equipment - away from adjacent tracks with cars, and clear of any main track or siding. If both adjacent tracks are clear, and neither is a main track or siding, then both employees may ride together at the leading or trailing ends of the equipment.

* Do not ride any part of the coupler apparatus, center sill, side sill, end sill, or framework.
* Do not ride inside railcars.
* Other than tank cars, do not ride on the end platform or end ladder of any freight car.

C. Riding On Flat Cars

When riding a flat car:
* Do not walk or ride between trailers or containers loaded on flat cars.
* Do not place your hands or other parts of your body where trailers or bridge plates could move.
* Ride the side of the flat car only if the car is equipped with a hand hold extending at least 18 inches above the deck of the car.
* Ride on the deck of an empty flat car, or on a TOFC/COFC flat car with an empty stanchion or table, only if you can:
  - Mount the car safely and kneel or sit as near as possible to the geographical center of the car or empty space.
  - Face the direction of movement.
  - Maintain a kneeling or sitting position.

D. Riding On Drop-End Gondolas

On a gondola equipped with drop ends, do not hold on to the end post, or sit or stand near the end door.

E. Riding On Tank Cars

Tank cars are classified as a single handhold or double handhold. Do not ride the middle ladder intended for manway access, on any type of tank car.

1. Single Handhold Riding Requirements:

For trailing/shoving moves:
* Ride with both feet in the stirrup.
  or
* Ride with one foot in the stirrup and one foot on the horizontal grab iron.
  or
* Ride with one foot in the stirrup and one foot on the end platform.
  - If tank car to be ridden is the last car of the trailing move, you may ride the trailing end with both feet on the end platform positioned between outer edge of car and the car's wheel, facing the direction of movement.

2. Double Handhold Riding Requirements:

For trailing/shoving moves:
* Ride with both feet in the lower or upper equipped stirrup or combination of both.
* Ride with one foot in the lower or upper stirrup and one foot on the end platform.
  - If tank car to be ridden is the last car of the trailing move, you may ride the trailing end with both feet on the end platform positioned between outer edge of car and the car's wheel, facing the direction of movement.

F. Riding On Locomotives

When necessary to ride locomotive exterior:
* Do not ride on platforms or walkways.
* Movement must not exceed 20 MPH.
* Do not ride steps to a coupling.
  - Except when providing hand signs, do not extend any part of the body beyond the exterior edge of the side of the locomotive.

Exception:
Platforms or walkways may only be used to move from one locomotive cab to another locomotive cab within a consist at speeds of 20 MPH or less.

When operating an angle cock:

Under Step 2 add:
a. A brake stick can only be used to close an angle cock.

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S-13.6.3 Position to Operate

E. Operating Hand Brakes with a Brake Stick

When using a brake stick is changed to read:

1. Stand on either side of the hand brake to operate, not directly in front of the hand brake.
2. Both feet remain flat on the ground outside the rail.
3. Work from a location to the outside rather than between adjacent track if possible.
4. Keep the brake stick, including the handle, clear of moving equipment.
5. A brake stick may be used to close an angle cock from the same side of railcar the angle cock is located on.
6. A brake stick may be used to open a knuckle.
7. Never operate a quick release brake lever using a brake stick.
8. Never place the end of the brake stick against your body. Keep it at the side of your body to prevent the end of the brake stick from striking you in the event of potential kick back.
9. Place the hook to the outside of the hand brake wheel not inside between wheel and the car to avoid the hook potentially being caught.
10. Ensure the extension rod is locked in place before applying force to the handbrake.

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Glossary

Delete:

Electronic Device
Any electrical device capable of conducting oral, written or visual communication including but not limited to telephone calls, text retrieval or entry, social media, accessing a web page, etc. (e.g. laptop, tablet, cellular telephone, hand-held or body-worn device, or other mobile device).

GENERAL ORDER(S) IN EFFECT

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