



Belt Railway Weekly Safety Bulletin

July 6th, 2026.

QUENCH YOUR THIRST – SAFETY FIRST. STAY HYDRATED!

Statistics 2026

(changes this week highlighted)

2026	Engineering	Mechanical	Transportation	Other	Total (YTD)
Reportable Injuries	0	0	3	1	4
Human Factor Incidents	4	5	21	1	31
Run Through Switches	BRC – 8 Foreign – 5				13

Previous Week (June 29th, 2026.)

Most Frequent Exceptions	Engineering	SAF-1 11.5 Eye Protection		
	Mechanical	SAF-1 10.2 Job Briefing		
	Transportation	GCOR 2.11 Prohibited Transmissions		
				Human Factor
Incidents	6/29 Hard Coupling (Industry Mobil Oil)			YES
	7/5 Pinched Finger (Mechanical)			YES

Rules of the Week: 7/6/2026

Department	Rules	
Engineering	OTS-1 7.4 Safe Working Distance Between Machines	OTS-1 pg. 13
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ENGINEERING: OTS-1, 7.4 Safe Working Distance Between Machines

Unless a different distance is specified in the job briefing, keep at least 50 ft. between roadway machines while working.

COMMAND CENTER: SAF-1 10.8 Removal of Unauthorized Persons

Unauthorized persons or trespassers on company property must be told to leave the premises, unless confronting the person(s) would be unsafe. If the person(s) refuse to leave, or if confronting the person(s) would be unsafe, request immediate assistance from local law enforcement authorities.

TRANSPORTATION: GCOR 7.7 Kicking or Dropping Cars (SUPERSEDE General Order)

Kicking rail cars is only permitted at the following locations on the BRC:

- Hump end of a Classification yard when assignments are trimming classification yard tracks.
- East Departure Yard, tracks 35 through 47.
- Clearing District Yard.

When kicking cars, crew members must ensure that cars to be kicked are clear of and will remain clear of next track to be entered before track is fouled. Prior to kicking cars crews must verify that there are a minimum of two cars secured with Handbrakes in the track that cars will be kicked into.

Dropping cars on the BRC is prohibited.



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MECHANICAL: SAF-1 15.41.3 Using Grinders

When using grinder:

- Prior to doing any work with the grinder, the operator must stand to the side of the machine and check for excessive vibration.
- Should there be excessive vibration, the machine must be shut down and supervisor notified.
- When wheel is cold, apply grinding force gradually and uniformly to prevent thermal shock which may cause wheel to break.
- Do not grind on sides of abrasive wheels.
- Do not allow the tool rest to be more than one eighth inch from the stone.
- Do not allow the distance between the wheel periphery and the adjustable tongue to be more than one-fourth inch.
- Immediately report and replace broken or missing shields.🔒
- If needed, protect arms with a long sleeved shirt and use leather gloves to hold material while grinding. However, glove fingertips must not extend past the outer edge of the tool rest.
- Do not use welding gloves or rags to hold material while grinding.
- Only grind material for which the wheel is designed. Do not grind non-ferrous material (i.e., aluminum, brass or plastic) on wheels designed for grinding steel.
- Regularly check all grinding tools for proper spindle speed, especially if the tool has been dropped.



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Critical Rule July 2026

GCOR 6.5.1 Remote Control Movements

Remote control movements are considered shoving movements, except when the remote control operator controlling the movement is riding the leading engine in the direction of movement. Before initiating movement, the remote control operator or a crew member must be in position to visually observe the direction the equipment moves.

When Remote Control Zone is equipped with pull back / stop protection (PSP), the operator must verify that PSP is operational. Pull back and stop protection must again be verified if PSP is overridden.

Relief of Providing Protection

The remote control operator is relieved from providing protection and the requirement to stop within half the range of vision for movements with engine on leading end when:

1. The remote control zone has been activated.
2. Switches/derails are known to be properly lined.
3. Track(s) within the zone are known to be clear of other trains, engines, railroad cars, and men or equipment fouling track.

Note: These steps must be repeated each time the remote control zone is activated.