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"Doing is one thing: doing it right is a whole different story."

Statistics 2026

(changes this week highlighted)

2026	Engineering	Mechanical	Transportation	Other	Total (YTD)
Reportable Injuries	1	1	3	2	7
Human Factor Incidents	8	6	36	1	51
Run Through Switches	BRC – 12 Foreign – 11				23

Previous Week (November 2nd, 2026.)		
Most Frequent Exceptions	Engineering	SAF-1 11.5 Eye Protection
	Mechanical	SAF-1 11.6 Proper Attire
	Transportation	SAF-1 11.5 Eye Protection
		Human Factor
Incidents	11/5 Run Through Switch (Transportation, West Departure, 2359 Assignment)	YES

Rules of the Week: 11/9/2026

Department	Rules	
Engineering	SAF-1, 14.1 Material Storage	SAF-1 pg. 32
Mechanical	SAF-1, 14.9.2 Forklift Inspection	SAF-1 pg. 33
Command Center	Clerical Rules C-15, Suitable Language / C-16, Altercations	Clerical pg. 10
Transportation	GCOR 8.16 Damaged or Defective Switches	GCOR pg. 8-6
Critical Rule	GCOR 1.1.2 Alert and Attentive	GCOR pg. 1-1

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COMMAND CENTER: Clerical Rules C-15, Suitable Language / C-16, Altercations

C-15 Suitable Language — Employees on duty must refrain from using boisterous, profane, sexist, or vulgar language.

C-16 Altercations — Employees must not enter into altercations, play practical jokes, or wrestle while on duty or on railroad property.

Both rules sit beside C-14 Conduct, which ran last week: an employee must not be quarrelsome or discourteous, and indifference to duty is not permissible.

MECHANICAL: SAF-1, 14.9.2 Forklift Inspection

Inspect forklift prior to operation. Any unusual condition must be corrected or the forklift must be removed from service.

14.9.1 Training — Only employees that have been trained may operate a forklift.

14.9.4 Unattended — A forklift is unattended when the operator is more than 25 feet from the machine, or the operator is not in view of the machine. Before leaving a forklift unattended, lower the forks to the ground, shut off the engine, apply the hand brake, and leave an automatic transmission in park or a manual transmission in low gear.

TRANSPORTATION: GCOR 8.16 Damaged or Defective Switches

Report a switch that is damaged or defective to the train dispatcher, yardmaster, or supervisor in charge. Tag the switch, spike it if necessary, unless a trackman or other employee takes charge. If the switch cannot be made safe, provide protection at once.

8.15 Switches Run Through — Do not run through switches, other than spring switches or variable switches. If a rigid type switch is run through, it is unsafe and must be protected by spiking the switch, unless a trackman or other employee takes charge.

An engine or car that partially runs through a switch must continue movement over the switch. The engine or car must not change direction over a damaged switch until it has been spiked or repaired.

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ENGINEERING: SAF-1, 14.1 Material Storage

When stacking or storing materials and freight:

- It must be placed safely, securely and where it will not create hazardous conditions.
- Do not store heavy materials on top of fragile or crushable materials.
- Store heavier, bulkier materials at a height between the shoulders and mid-thigh to minimize lifting effort from bending or reaching too high.
- Place in locations where people will not step on, trip over or fall on them, and keep out of walkways, passageways, doorways, fire lanes and truck spaces.
- Keep a safe distance from the edge of pits, ledges and platforms.
- Place it where it will not block access to fire extinguishers, electrical panels, emergency eye washes, showers or exits.
- Material stored higher than 6 feet from the ground must be palletized and should be retrieved with a forklift whenever possible.
- Do not overload storage racks or areas.

Critical Rule November 2026

GCOR 1.1.2 Alert and Attentive

Employees must be careful to prevent injuring themselves or others. They must be alert and attentive when performing their duties and plan their work to avoid injury.

1.1.1 Maintaining a Safe Course — In case of doubt or uncertainty, take the safe course.

1.1.3 Accidents, Injuries, and Defects — Report by the first means of communication any accidents; personal injuries; defects in tracks, bridges, or signals; or any unusual condition that may affect the safe and efficient operation of the railroad. Where required, furnish a written report promptly after reporting the incident.