



SAFETY DIRECTIVE: 22-002

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SUBJECT: Contractor Hi-Rail Vehicle Derailment Requirements

This Safety Directive lists all requirements for MBTA contractors following the derailment of any piece of hi-rail equipment in diversion areas and OCC controlled track.

1. Immediately notify the appropriate dispatcher (see table below) with initial details of the incident and whether first responders are required for any injuries.

Line	Dispatcher
Red	617-222-5707
Orange	617-222-5744
Blue	617-222-5774
Green / Mattapan	617-222-5842
Commuter Rail North	617-222-6115
Commuter Rail South	617-222-8101

2. Ensure the incident site is safe and preserve the scene for investigators. Do **NOT** attempt to re-rail the vehicle.
3. Assign a representative to assist with any questions or requests from incident investigators and responding MBTA departments.
4. Collect statements from involved workers including equipment operators and witnesses.
5. Operators of derailed vehicles must be sent for a Post-Accident Drug & Alcohol Test.
6. Before the derailed vehicle is allowed to return to work on MBTA property:
 - a. A qualified mechanic must perform an inspection of the vehicle including the hi-rail gear and hydraulics. The contractor must also:
 - i. Notify MBTA Safety when the inspection will take place to allow time for a witness to be present.
 - ii. Provide MBTA Safety with a copy of an inspection report.
 - b. Following the contractor mechanical inspection, MBTA Maintenance of Way (MOW) must reinspect the vehicle and apply a new inspection sticker to the vehicle if it passes MOW inspection.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the MBTA Safety Department.