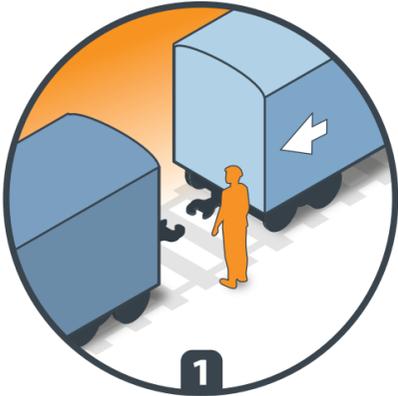


INDUSTRIAL RAIL YARD HAZARDS

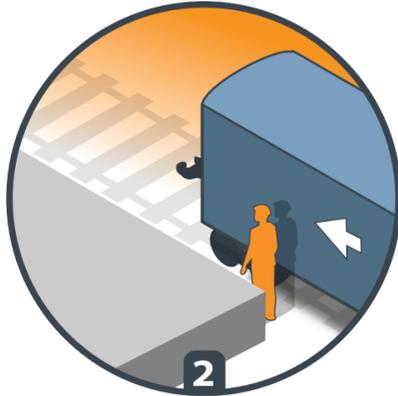
as revealed in OSHA accident reports of fatal and serious injury which occurred in industrial rail yards.

Rail yards are no place for inattention or distraction. Workers need to develop situational awareness and follow company safety regulations.



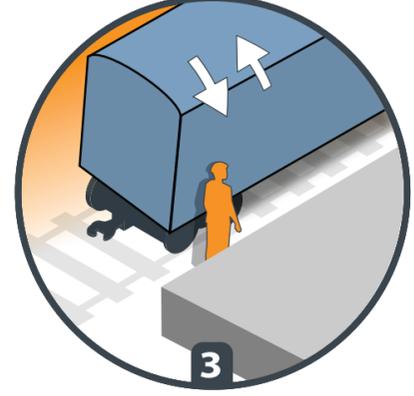
1
Caught between two rail cars when one car lurched forward.

Avoid standing or taking a shortcut between cars. Notify other workers when you are working with couplers, connecting brake hoses, etc.



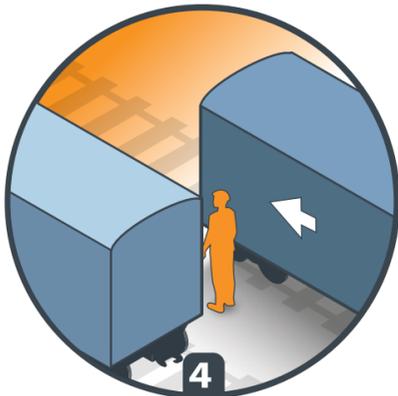
2
Caught between a moving rail car and a dock or other trackside structure or equipment.

Be aware of limited clearance areas. Post warning signs where needed.



3
Caught between dock and rail car when car tipped sideways due to unbalanced load or poor cross-level condition of track.

Mind the clearance at all times.



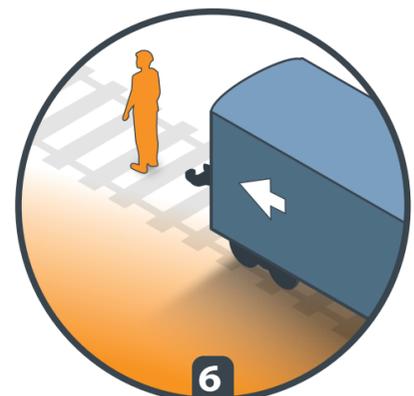
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Caught between two freight cars one stationary, the other moving.

Avoid walking between lines of rail cars.



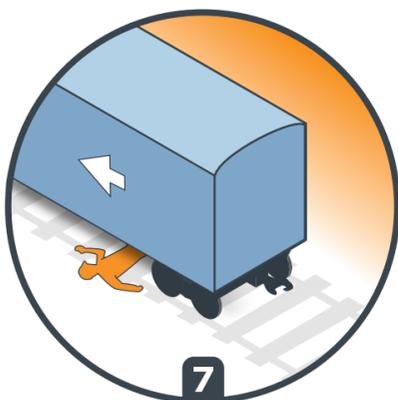
5
Worker riding side of car is caught when there is insufficient clearance with doorway, rail car, or other object.

Never ride a rail car.



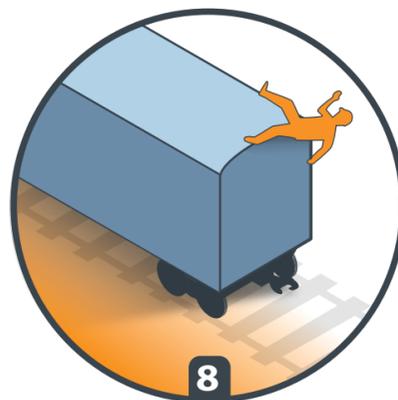
6
Struck and killed by locomotive or freight car.

Never walk between rails or too near the track.



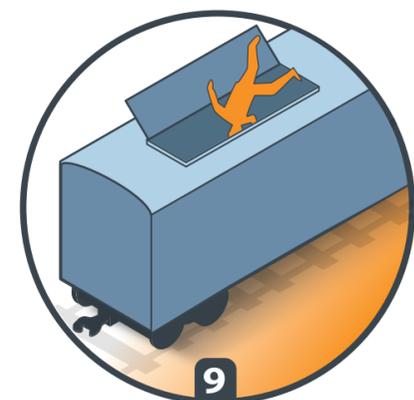
7
Worker slips and falls under a moving rail car.

Keep clear of rail cars and remove tripping hazards: ice, debris, greasy pavement, etc.



8
Worker falls off car roof or car ladder.

Wear fall protection gear when working on top of car. Use brake stick to adjust brake.



9
Worker falls through a car hatchway.

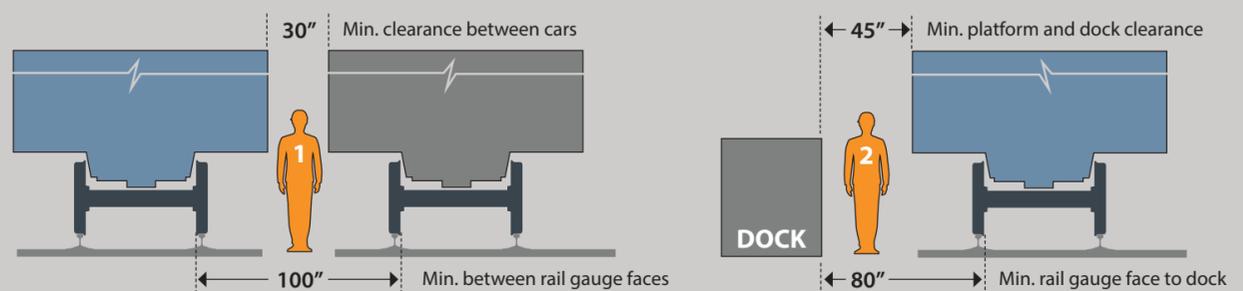
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The advice given here is not intended to be all-inclusive. Use common sense at all times.

WATCH YOUR CLEARANCES

Minimum track-to-track and track-to-dock clearances

1. Do not walk between lines of freight cars - what if one train starts to move...?
2. Uneven track and sudden load imbalance can cause car to tip toward dock. Stay out.



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