

Management rules in the event of accidents and incidents

1 Report and approval for clearance

1.1 Reporting accidents and incidents

All accidents, incidents and deviations entailing the risk of accidents and which have occurred on the railway network administered by the Swedish Transport Administration shall immediately be reported to the Administration's traffic centre. Electricity accidents and incidents can also be reported to the Swedish Transport Administration's traffic centre.

1.2 Reporting collisions with animals

Collisions with animals are also reported as above. These include collisions with game that is covered by the duty to report in accordance with the Hunting Ordinance (e.g., moose, deer, roe, wild boar, mouflon, bear, lynx, wolf, wolverine, otter and eagle) as well as domestic animals (e.g., reindeer, cow, horse, sheep and dog). In the event of a collision with a domestic animal, the railway undertaking must also report the incident to the Swedish Transport Administration in writing.

1.3 Railway undertakings, contact persons and approval for clearance

Accidents that come to the attention of traffic centre are immediately reported to the railway undertakings involved. This does not apply to collisions with animals. The railway undertaking shall provide the Swedish Transport Administration with details of a person who can be contacted immediately in order to report incidents. The contact person will make a decision as to whether the railway undertaking shall investigate the incident. When a railway undertaking has been made aware of the occurrence of an accident or incident, any intention to investigate the incident shall be immediately reported to the Swedish Transport Administration's traffic centre.

1.4 Cooperation and access to factual data

The railway undertaking shall immediately give the Swedish Transport Administration's investigators access to information from the vehicle's registration equipment, and generally obtain the factual data necessary for conducting the Swedish Transport Administration's investigation, such as data about vehicles and tools, technical investigations and evidence statements from personnel. The Swedish Transport Administration shall immediately allow the railway undertaking's investigators access to information necessary for conducting the railway undertaking's investigation, such as workshop registrations and registered safety conversations.

The investigation shall be conducted cooperatively between the Swedish Transport Administration and involved parties. This does not apply, however, if impartiality in the investigation is jeopardised.

A party shall, upon request, provide the other party with the written investigation report.

2 Accident site manager

The Swedish Transport Administration appoints an accident site manager. The accident site manager is responsible for the coordination of work at the accident site, including the clearance work and determining what amount of traffic can be allowed to pass by the site. The responsibility also encompasses protective measures for common work areas in accordance with the Work Environment Act. The accident site manager is also responsible for issuing clearance permits.

3 Approval and clearance permits

Before anything may be moved or before other measures are taken that may in some way affect clues regarding the sequence of events, a clearance permit (see below) must be issued. An exception is for rescue operations which can of course be carried out without any clearance permit.

When the gathering of facts has ended, each accident investigator provides their approval for clearance to the accident site manager.

When the accident site manager has obtained the approval of all parties, and the accident site is safe from an electricity and traffic safety perspective, a clearance permit may be issued to those leading the clearance work. In conjunction with the clearance permit being issued, the prospective directives that may be required for work environment reasons are also issued.

The approval and permit for clearance may only relate to parts of the accident site in some cases.

4 Rescue exercises

For the purposes of prevention, the railway undertaking and Swedish Transport Administration shall perform rescue exercises cooperatively in the scope agreed upon by the parties.

If several railway undertakings traffic stretches of railway in the same municipality, rescue services may make the request for coordination between the undertakings from the Swedish Transport Administration. The railway undertaking shall comply with the requirements stipulated by this.