



Safeworking Compliance

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6003 Blocking Facilities – Section 3 Excluding Rail Traffic

The purpose of this Safeworking Compliance is to clearly outline the process when requesting Blocking Facilities in the PTA Network

Process to request / apply blocking facilities:

Competent worker:

- Planning:
 - identify the exact location and descriptors (e.g. landmarks, Signals, Points, mast numbers etc) that can be provided to Network Control.
 - Identify the mains required to be blocked. Considerations must include access and egress from the location, potential impacts if mains are left operational.
- Contact Network Control and request the use of Blocking Facilities including purpose and location.

Network Control Officer:

- Identify the location required to be protected. If there is any doubt about the location, access to track must not be given.
- When applying blocking facilities, a Blocking ID from the requesting Competent worker must be supplied.
 - TTO staff must provide their WE employee number
 - All other workers must provide the last 4 digits of their RIW number.
- Once blocking facilities are applied, the request will be referred to the Network Control Supervisor or another Network Control Officer for verification.

Verifying Network Control Officer:

- Speak with the Competent worker and verify their location and ensure the correct blocking has been applied.
- Once satisfied, refer the Competent Worker back to the initiating Network Control Officer.

Network Control Officer:

- Grant approval to the Competent Worker.

Process to remove blocking facilities:

Competent worker:

- Ensure all staff are clear in a position of safety.
- Contact the Network Control Officer and advise blocking facilities can be removed.

Network Control Officer:

- Confirm with the Competent Worker all workers are clear and in a place of safety.
- Once confirmed workers are in a position of safety, proceed to remove blocking facilities.
- Request the Competent Worker's Blocking ID

Competent worker:

- Provide the Blocking ID used when the blocking facilities were applied.

Network Control Officer:

- Once blocking facilities have been removed, advise the Competent Worker the lines are operational.

Further Information

For questions or clarification please email Safeworking@pta.wa.gov.au or call Manager Safeworking: Scott Dunbar on ext. 63906.

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