


Safety Alert

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Rail Industry Worker Card scan/check for compliance/competence

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What happened?

Recently on a TfNSW site an individual was found to have a virtual MTA RIW card but upon investigation the card was found to have no competences to allow them to enter the Rail Corridor.

Spot checks by the TfNSW Safety resource prevented the individual from entering the Rail Corridor.

Investigations has discovered that Protection officers could assume that holding a virtual MTA RIW card equals an individual holding a competence or competencies.

Immediate Actions Required

The MTA physical or virtual RIW card provides the mechanism to be able to scan/check for compliance/competence, it does not automatically prove competence.

Protection Officers

Must ensure they have the RIW app & scanner loaded onto their mobile device to verify the competence required is held and valid.

They must scan all workers under their control, including contractors and TfNSW employees RIW cards when they arrive on the worksite looking for the following:

- Around the Track Personnel-non-construction or construction
- TfNSW Operator Role

Verification of these roles allows the contractor or TfNSW employee on site, if verification cannot be obtained then the person must not be permitted into the Rail Corridor.

Additional Information

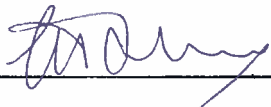
Please refer to the RailSafe Protection Officer Performance Standard (link provided below) Section 4 which clearly notes that the Protection Officer needs to “**Confirm the identity and competence of Workers**”.

https://railsafe.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/31823/NS-1450-Protection-Officer-Performance-Standard-V4.0.pdf

Guide for Spot Checkers - <https://www.riw.net.au/wp-content/themes/MTAThemeV1/QuickGuides/Quick%20Guide%20-%20RIW%20App%20for%20Spot%20Checkers.pdf>

Guide for Access Controllers - <https://www.riw.net.au/wp-content/themes/MTAThemeV1/QuickGuides/Quick%20Guide%20-%20RIW%20App%20for%20Access%20Controllers.pdf>

Issued and authorised by the Director Safety & Engineering Systems Safety , Environment and Regulation Division

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