

Managing Railway Track Signals when Fulfilling a Work on Track Authority

Recent events have identified a need to remind staff of their responsibilities for managing railway track signals and the need to ensure they are safely secured after use.

JHR Network Rule CNWT 304 Track Occupancy Authority identifies the following requirements for Protection Officers fulfilling and TOA.

Fulfilling the TOA

The TOA may be fulfilled only when the Protection Officer:

- arranges for work to continue under another *Work on Track Authority*, *Work on Track Method*, or
- confirms the fulfilment details using the ETW application, or
- tells the Network Control Officer that:
 - the portion of track included in the TOA is clear and available for use,
 - if required, the portion of track included in the TOA has been certified as fit for use,
 - point securing devices have been removed,
 - **Railway Track Signals and red flags/red lights have been removed**, and
 - Pilot Staffs have been returned.

JHR Network Procedure CNPR 709 provides competent workers with guidance in the safe use of Railway Track Signals. This includes the requirement for storing Railway Track Signals when not in use.

Storing Railway Track Signals

Competent Worker

1. Return unused Railway Track Signals to their plastic containers.
2. Keep packed Railway Track Signals in a secured place.
3. Keep the door of the storage location locked when the location is unattended.



NOTE

Do not use Railway Track Signals after their expiry date.
