



Safety recommendation no. 104

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Safety deficit	<p>On the morning of 23rd September 2015, shortly after 06:00, on the line between Flumenthal and Riedholz a game keeper searching for dead game was hit by a train travelling in the direction of Solothurn and hurled into the air. The game keeper was fatally injured.</p> <p>The game keeper was in the track area whilst doing his job, without having received sound training about the hazards that are prevalent there and without carrying high-vis equipment. A directive, such as that which exists for the retrieval of roadkill on motorways, does not exist for railways. It can be assumed that game keepers and wardens from every canton often enter the tracks without the necessary training about proper conduct in that area.</p>
Safety recommendation	The FOT should ensure that the cantons train game keepers and wardens about proper conduct on and around tracks and ensure the use of high-vis equipment.
Addressees	Bundesamt für Verkehr
Stage of the implementation	Not implemented. The FOT discussed safety recommendation no. 104 with the Swiss accident insurance institution (SUVA). In accordance with the regulation for the prevention of accidents and occupational illnesses (VUV), article 3, and in accordance with industry solutions no. 48 and 49 of the Federal Coordination Commission for Occupational Safety (FCOS), it is the obligation of the employer to train their employees regarding accident prevention and equip them with the appropriate safety equipment. The FOT had no legal authority over the cantons and cannot ensure implementation of safety recommendation no. 104.
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	<u>Schlussbericht</u>