

Safety recommendation no. 11

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On 18 May 2016 at around 16:50, a freight train was assembled at the Widnau siding. When it approached three wagons waiting to be picked up, they ran away a few metres in the direction of the company's terrain, colliding with an outrigger working platform located in the track area. The impact caused the outrigger working platform to move, and an employee fell from it and was fatally injured.
The "Rules of use of junction track by SBB Cargo" sets out provisions for securing parked wagons that go beyond the Swiss transport service guidelines. The descriptions given by the shunting teams of SBB Cargo and SAW suggest that these regulations were regularly broken and that the sidings operator failed to require them to be implemented adequately.
Target group: Railway transport companies that deliver and collect goods wagons in sidings. The STSB recommends that the railway transport companies concerned check whether the contractual regulations are also being broken in practice in other sidings. If necessary, the shunting teams should be made aware of this issue so that the contractual partners can be required to comply with these regulations.
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