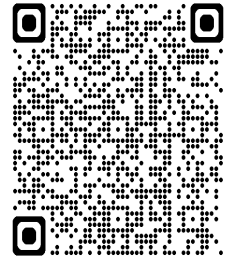




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SOFA ALERT

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Serious Injury: On July 12, 2026: A 25-year-old conductor with 4 years of service was struck and injured while working between equipment in Youngstown Yard in Louisville, KY.

At the time of the incident, the conductor was between equipment, when a free-standing cut of cars rolled into the employee, pinning the employee between couplers.

Take Away

While this recent case has not yet been analyzed, the SOFA Working Group reminds all employees to remain vigilant during switching operations, This is especially important when working in the foul of equipment. Last, but not least, stop the movement in instances of uncertainty and remember to always hold a job briefing whenever the job or situation changes.

Most Common Findings in Switching Operations Fatalities



As a cross-industry collaboration for over 20 years, the SOFA Working Group has identified the Possible Contributing Factors for more than 210 switching operations fatalities since 1992. The SOFA Working Group reports its finding and emerging data trends with the goal of zero fatalities in the railroad industry.