**Care During Shove Moves**

"When in Doubt, Dismount!!"

From 2011-2021, 27 of the 34 analyzed SOFA Fatalities involved a shove move

- Maintain ongoing crew communication by repeatedly giving only the distance known to be clear
- Continually ensure entire route to be ridden is clear of unexpected close or no clearance
- Ensure a position of safety while riding and/or mounting/dismounting equipment
- Update initial job briefing with entire crew when any circumstance changes

**What Happened?**

A crew consisting of a conductor, engineer, and trainee were performing work at an unattended yard with known clearance issues. While shoving a cut of cars, the conductor was fatally injured by a tree branch fouling the track after a storm.

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While riding the leading end of a shoving movement into a loading dock, a conductor attempted to dismount moving equipment on to a defective stairway, causing him to foul the track and be fatally injured between the leading car and the platform.

**For Every Shove...**

Prior to beginning a shove move, every crew should job brief and answer the following questions:

- What type of car is to be ridden?
- Which side is to be ridden?
- Is there sufficient clearance to ride?
- Where will dismount occur?
- Is it safer to walk any part of the move?

**Most Common Findings in Switching Operations Fatalities**

- Inexperienced Employee: 19%
- Close / No Clearance: 18%
- Inadequate Job Briefing: 15%
- Industry Hazard: 15%
- Struck by Mainline Train: 11%
- Slips, Trips, & Falls: 11%