

# ALL ABOARD FOR WINTER SAFETY



If you're working on or around Army trains or railways this winter, it's worth taking a little extra time and effort to avoid accidents or injuries. Here are some safety tips for when you're a' workin' on the railroad:

- Lube all railway switches before cold weather hits.
- Once winter arrives, keep switch points free of ice and snow.
- Ensure switch points are properly closed to prevent derailments.
- Make sure any existing derails are visible and properly marked.
- Ensure all frogs and crossovers are free of debris, like snow and ice.
- Look for track obstructions like tree limbs, falling rocks, etc.
- Be careful walking on snow- or ice-covered ballast beside tracks.
- Repeat radio communications to make sure instructions are clearly understood.
- Use extra caution when climbing on and off rail equipment.

## General Reminders

- Whenever you're working in cold conditions, dress in layers and take frequent warm-up breaks.
- Don't touch any metal unless you're wearing gloves.
- Make sure you drink plenty of water to stay hydrated on the job.

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