

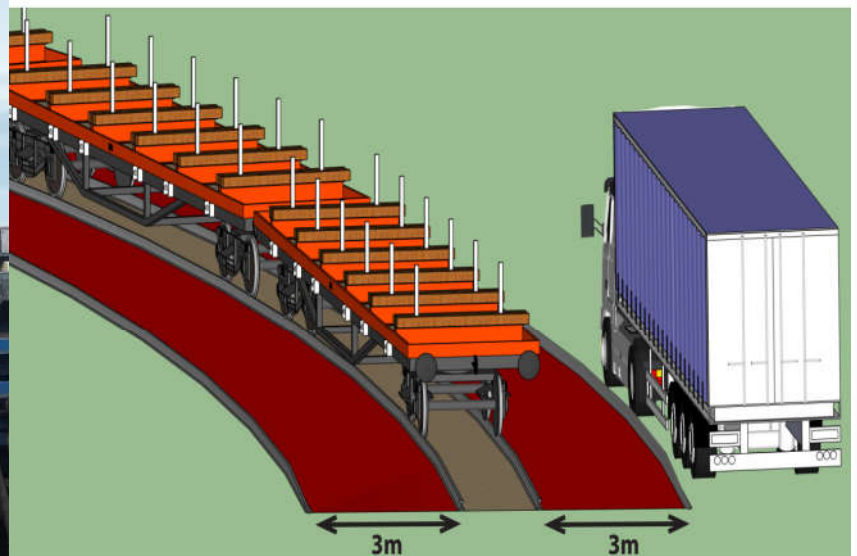
Serious Near Miss – Road/Rail Interaction

What Happened:

A driver was asked to prep trailer for loading and was stood at the rear of the trailer awaiting first pack of product to be loaded, a bang was heard. On investigating the noise it was observed that a rail wagon under power had collided with the offside front wing of the truck.



Rail Line Exclusion Zone



Findings:

- Truck and trailer were parked too close to rail lines.
- Loading was not being carried out in usual area and space was restricted.
- Loco driver could not see truck as he walking was on the wrong side of the rail wagons.

Recommendations:

Drivers and Hauliers should:-

- ✓ Ensure drivers are briefed on standards for parking in vicinity of rail lines, a **Minimum 3.0m Exclusion Zone to be observed at all times.**
- ✓ Challenge reasons for any change in usual loading practices or location and report them where necessary.
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings at all times and if something changes then stop operations until it is safe to continue.