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It's Rail Safety Week and Arc Infrastructure is reminding the community to stay safe around the tracks

Arc Infrastructure, Western Australia's leading transport infrastructure manager, is calling on the community to work together to encourage safe behaviours around railway lines as part of Rail Safety Week.

In the last 12 months, nearly 220 incidents have occurred on Arc Infrastructure's network across Western Australia, including trespass, vandalism, hits and near hits with trains.

Arc Infrastructure's Manager Health, Safety & Environment Adam Sidebottom said many of these incidents were a result of people not paying attention or becoming complacent around the railway.

"We work hard to minimise the risks associated with the railway, however members of the community have a significant part to play in ensuring their own safety," Mr Sidebottom said.

"Together we can reduce the number of incidents on railways and ensure they are as safe as possible."

Mr Sidebottom said Rail Safety Week, held this year from 14 through to 20 August, was a good opportunity to remind members of the public to remain aware of their surroundings and take care when they are around the railway.

"Each of these incidents could have easily been avoided if people had taken better care around the railway," he said.

"A train on the network can weigh more than 14,000 tonnes and may be travelling at speeds up to 130km per hour. Due to train size, length and weight, it can take a train up to 2km to stop. That's almost the equivalent of 11 football fields.

"While our name has changed, our commitment to the safety of our people, customers, contractors and communities remains as strong as ever.

"We all have a role to play in ensuring the safety around the railway. Waiting just a couple of minutes for a train to pass, or taking extra caution around the railway tracks, could save your life."

The Rail Safety Week Campaign runs from Monday 14 August through to Sunday 20 August 2017 across Australia and New Zealand. For more information, visit www.tracksafefoundation.com.au.

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ABOUT ARC INFRASTRUCTURE

Arc is pronounced as a word and not an acronym.

Arc Infrastructure is a leading transport infrastructure manager in Western Australia. We currently operate the State's 5,500km freight rail network, connecting people, commodities and ports across the State with the rest of Australia and the world.

Spread across regional Western Australia, our team of 430 employees keeps the rail network operating 24/7. We live local, buy local and are committed to contributing to regional communities.

Previously called Brookfield Rail, we changed our name to Arc Infrastructure in July 2017 to reflect the aspirations for our future to expand our involvement in transport infrastructure assets. We're committed to working with industry, our customers, partners and communities to find new opportunities that will support and strengthen our rail network for the benefit of WA.

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