

# Australian Society of Section Car Operators, Inc.



## Safety Policy

**Effective date: 1 January 2020**

The Australian Society of Section Car Operators (ASSCO) aims to provide a safe and injury-free environment to all rail safety workers, contractors, and visitors participating in its operations. It aims to be a rail safety leader in not only the rail heritage sector but also as part of the broader rail industry.

ASSCO's five (5) safety principles include:

1. All injuries are preventable
2. All rail safety workers, contractors, and visitors are accountable for not only their safety and wellbeing but also for creating and maintaining a safe operating environment
3. The ASSCO executive is accountable for creating a safe and manageable operation
4. All rail safety workers, contractors, and visitors are accountable for preventing injuries, and
5. Safe conduct is a condition of membership and participation.

Safety is a key priority to ASSCO's growth and success. To uphold the safety principles, ASSCO will:

- Promote rail safety internally and externally, including the communities in which ASSCO operates
- Continuously develop and maintain a positive safety culture, including a just culture
- Continuously improve the safety management system via feedback and review processes
- Provide training to develop competency and capability
- Actively consult with rail safety workers and relevant parties on decisions that will have an impact on safety
- Ensure that all safety information is disseminated effectively to all members and relevant third parties where required
- Comply with all relevant rail safety legislation and other regulatory requirements
- Conduct investigations into safety incidents to learn from failure, review, and implement opportunities for improvement
- Identify risks to operations using our risk management procedures and provide appropriate treatment (SFAIRP), and
- Set clear and achievable safety targets and monitor performance.

ASSCO safety statement: "At ASSCO, safety comes first in everything we do. Always. Without Exception. Work safe – travel safe – home safe."

A copy of this safety policy will be:

- Provided to new rail safety workers of the organisation upon recruitment
- Available to view on the ASSCO website, at [www.assco.com.au](http://www.assco.com.au)
- Provided by the ASSCO Executive to any rail safety worker on request, and
- Discussed at all pre-start briefings and training programs.

Signed and endorsed on behalf of the ASSCO Executive:



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ASSCO President



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