

When moving over or in a street or highway crossing, do not ride on sill step, lower rung of ladders, engine steps, caboose steps or vestibule steps of cars.

System Special Instruction

Change 4th bullet to read:

- Do not ride on the ends of moving cars except when necessary to operate hand brakes to stop or control the speed of cars cut off in motion.

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When duties require moving around in equipment, be adequately braced, maintain a firm hand hold and sit down quickly and safely. Remain seated when stopping, entering or leaving initial or final terminals. Stay out of cars being or about to be switched and notify all occupants before switching cars.

When above normal vertical or lateral motion is detected on a locomotive, the train dispatcher should be notified. Engineer will reduce speed to a level that provides a normal ride.

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81.7.3: Avoiding Shifting Lading

Do not ride, stand or place any part of your body on or between the side or end of a car loaded with lumber, pipe or other lading that could shift. Do not put yourself in a position where you can be struck by improperly or nonsecured drop ends that may fall inward. Do not use the end gate of a gondola for a hand hold.

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81.7.4: Riding Flat Cars or Intermodal Cars

Avoid riding flat cars unless equipped with either two vertically mounted hand holds, or horizontal grab irons that are part of a riding ladder and of sufficient height to provide balance. If necessary to ride flat cars not so equipped:

- Take a safe position near the center of the car, either seated or with feet shoulder width apart, with one foot forward and knees slightly bent.
- Face and look in the direction of movement.
- Use extreme caution and be prepared for slack action or unexpected movement

In addition:

- Do not get on or off flat cars in motion. However, trainmen may get on or off flat or intermodal cars that are equipped with hand holds or grab irons as described above.
- ~~Do not get on or off flat cars in motion.~~
- Riding the side of any flat car or any type of intermodal equipment not equipped with either hand holds or grab irons described above is prohibited.
- ~~Riding the side of any flat car or any type of intermodal equipment not equipped with a vertical mounted hand hold is prohibited.~~
- Observe for close clearances and, if necessary, stop the movement. Protect in advance of further movement from the ground.