



## Rail Transit Agency Accident Notification Guide

Accident	FTA Phone Notification	FTA Email Notification
Accidents as defined in Section 674.7 <i>Definitions</i>	(877) 561-7452	<a href="mailto:FTAAccidentNotifications@dot.gov">FTAAccidentNotifications@dot.gov</a>

Code	Event Type	Phone/ Email
<p><b>Accident</b></p> <p><i>Accident means an Event that involves any of the following: a loss of life; a report of a serious injury to a person; a collision involving a rail transit vehicle; a runaway train; an evacuation for life safety reasons; or any derailment of a rail transit vehicle, at any location, at any time, whatever the cause</i></p>		
1	<p><b>Fatality</b></p> <p>A death or suicide confirmed within 30 days of a reportable event. Excludes deaths in or on transit property that are a result of illness or other natural causes.</p>	Within 2 hours
2	<p><b>Serious Injury</b></p> <p>Any rail transit system event related serious injury that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within seven days from the date the injury was received,</li> <li>Results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fractures of fingers, toes, or nose),</li> <li>Causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle, or tendon damage,</li> <li>Involves any internal organ, or</li> <li>Involves second-or third-degree burns, or any burns affecting more than five percent of the body surface</li> </ol>	Within 2 hours



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3	<p><b>Collision</b></p> <p>A collision between a Rail Transit Vehicle on the mainline, yard or shop <u>resulting in a fatality, serious injury or property damage</u> and occurring with, or at any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Another rail transit vehicle</li><li>b. Another vehicle or equipment</li><li>c. A collision at a Grade crossing</li><li>d. A collision with an object</li><li>e. A collision with a person</li><li>f. A collision with an animal</li></ul>	Within 2 hours
4	<p><b>Evacuation</b></p> <p>Persons withdrawn or removed from rail transit vehicles or facilities due to life safety reasons and hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Self-Evacuations to a location that may put passengers or patrons in imminent danger (such as the rail-right-of way).</li><li>b. Security reasons including but not limited to arson; suspicious packages and objects; bomb threats and Chemical/Biological/Nuclear and Radiological releases.</li></ul> <p><i>Life Safety Reason: A situation such as a fire, the presence of smoke, fuel leak, electrical or other hazard, that constitutes an imminent danger to passengers, employees, contractors, or other persons.</i></p> <p><i>Note: Reporting is not required for the offloading of passengers at a platform for a mechanical failure, or transfer of passengers to a rescue train unless there was imminent danger to passengers.</i></p>	Within 2 hours
5	<p><b>Derailment</b></p> <p>Derailment of a Rail Transit Vehicle or Self Propelled Roadway Maintenance Machine (RMM) at any location, at any time, whatever the cause.</p>	Within 2 hours
6	<p><b>Runaway Vehicle</b></p> <p>Runaway Rail Transit Vehicle or Self Propelled Roadway Maintenance Machine (RMM) on the mainline or yard, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Runaway or Uncontrolled vehicle movement (uncontrolled roll back, operator incapacitated or asleep)</li></ul>	Within 2 hours