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Two-Hour Accident Notification Guide

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Applicability

- An RTA must provide the two-hour accident notification required under Part 674 once its state's SSO Program is certified by FTA or after April 15, 2019, whichever occurs first

  - Until a state's SSO Program is certified, an RTA must continue to provide two-hour notifications to its SSO Agency as required by 49 CFR Part 659

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49 CFR Part 674
Accident Definition

§674.7 Definitions

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. An accident must be reported in accordance with the thresholds for notification and reporting set forth in Appendix A to this part.

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49 CFR Part 674
Accident Notification

§674.33 Notifications of accidents

(a) Two-hour notification. In addition to the requirements for accident notification set forth in an SSO program standard, an RTA must notify both the SSOA and FTA within two hours of any accident occurring on a rail fixed guideway public transportation system. The criteria and thresholds for accident notification and reporting are defined in a reporting manual developed for the electronic reporting system specified by FTA as required in § 674.39(b), and in Appendix A

How to notify the FTA?

- Contact the U.S. Department of Transportation Crisis Management Center (CMC) within two hours of a reportable accident, by email (recommended method) or phone:

    – CMC-01@dot.gov / 202-366-1863

- Please submit accident information details as specified in your SSOA's program standard. The SSO required notifications may include, but are not limited to, a summary of the event and pertinent details such as:

    – Number of fatalities

    – Number of serious injuries (include type of injury if known)

    – Primary and secondary event types (e.g. collision, derailment, fire, etc.)

Resources

- Two-Hour Accident Notification Guide

  – https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/two-hour-accident-notification-guide

- State Safety Oversight Final Rule (49 CFR Part 674)

  – https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-16/pdf/2016-05489.pdf

Questions?

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