

# RAIL SAFETY BULLETIN

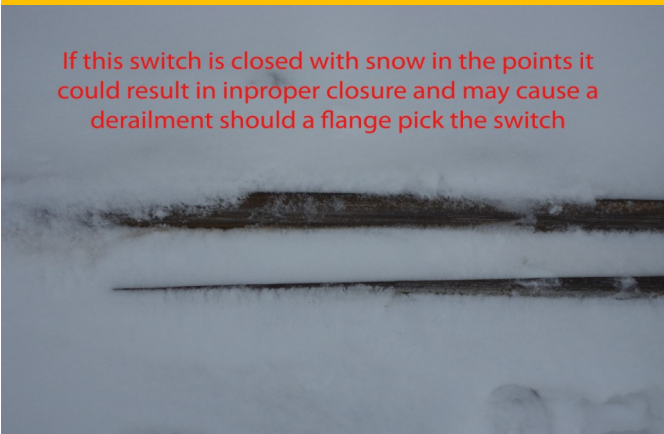


Always ensure you have a safe work zone, use a lookout - lock a switch away from the work area - post a red flag - have a track occupancy permit etc.

It's that time of year again when switches and mud rails ice up, when they do derailments can happen!

Recently three derailments occurred in industrial railway yards when switches were not kept free of ice. They need not have occurred! As a result needless costs were incurred and the railway operation had to be halted until the cars were re-railed.

If this switch is closed with snow in the points it could result in improper closure and may cause a derailment should a flange pick the switch



Crossing mud rails have to be cleaned out



Frogs must also be cleaned



Swiches need to be clean before use.

