



Contacts for engine drivers in trouble in Switzerland

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Directives in case of breakdown / railway accidents in Switzerland

The railway is in charge of the operation until the arrival of the police or the fire brigade (depending on the condition of the engine driver). If a person in charge of Infrastructure Emergencies (Swiss Federal Railways) is present, he/she assumes immediate command of the situation. Upon the arrival of the police / fire brigade, the command is then assumed by the highest ranking officer.

In case of **accidents with personal injuries (suicide)**, the police carry out an investigation of each individual case.

In principle, the decision as to when a train is authorized to **leave the scene** lies with the public prosecutor's office. If there are **injured persons**, the final decision if a train can/must be moved lies with the **medical service**.

Any railway track where there are **deceased persons** must be kept closed out of respect. **No injured persons may be left without assistance**.

All data concerning the journey (**Black Box**) can only be transmitted if expressly required and with a receipt.

Accidents linked to railway activities are mainly those involving:

- injured or deceased persons
- injured or dead large animals
- damaged railway infrastructure
- collision with objects constituting a danger for the railway operations
- fire
- possible damage to the population or to the environment (hazardous freight)

Directives concerning the place of the accident:

- Ensure safety
- Give the alarm
- Provide help

Emergency numbers: Operating headquarters (GSM-R)	1200	Police	117
Fire brigade	118	Medical service	144