



SAFETY BRIEFING

For All Visitors to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum

This hand out is to inform you of several safety items that you and your party need to be aware of while on the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola property and participating in the Rent-A-Locomotive program or a Special Group Visit.

CAUTION:

“Trains may move at any time, on any track, in either direction, without warning”

You and your party are responsible for your own safety. Constant presence of mind to ensure safety to you and all members of your party is a primary duty while visiting us. You and your party must exercise care in and around the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola.

Persons should never climb under, on top of, or go between any equipment.

When getting on and off of equipment (e.g. a locomotive) climb up or down the stairs or ladder facing the locomotive or caboose.

Watch for hand signals from persons on the ground: **“Any object waved violently by anyone on or near the track, is a signal to STOP.”**

For Rent-A-Locomotive visitors:

Once in the cab of the locomotive, the RAL Instructor Engineer will indicate to you and your party the locations of brake handles and emergency brake handles. Should the need arise you may be required to operate such devices. Special Group Visitors are not instructed on brake handle locations. (Crew Members will be responsible for operating any equipment)

Your RAL Instructor Engineer will indicate where it is permissible to ride in the locomotive. Your Operating Crew members will indicate when it is permissible to get on to and off of the cabooses.

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Where to get help:

- Any Museum volunteer or staff
- Your RAL Instructor Engineer
- Any Train Crew Member
- Museum Store Employee or Volunteer (entrance to museum building)
- Other Public Safety officials (Sheriff, Police, Fire or Medical Personnel)

Telephone locations:

- Museum Store
- Operations Office
- Outside the main museum shop building on the West end, between the two large roll up doors (Silver Telephone Box on wall)
- Personal cell telephone

Evacuation Points:

Should it be necessary to evacuate the museum for any reason, the meeting point is the front gate on the entrance road to the museum property. (Reminder, Please do not block the road into the entrance to the museum so emergency vehicles can get in.)

Public Safety Contacts

Police

Dial 911 (answered by the California Highway Patrol if called on cell phone)

Contact: **Plumas County Sheriff Department** Telephone: **1-530-283-6375**
Non-emergency: 1-530-823-4242 or 1-530-832-6300

Fire

Dial 911 (answered by the California Highway Patrol if called on cell phone)

Contact: **Portola Volunteer Fire Department** Telephone: **1-530-832-5178**

Rescue squad/ambulance

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