



Working around light rail

If you're planning to carry out works on or around Newcastle light rail, you may require a permit.



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Undertaking activities or working near the light rail means there are extra hazards to be aware of:

- Trams take longer to come to a stop than cars and cannot swerve to avoid contact
- Charge bars at light rail stops and over head lines at the depot to power the tram are live all the time.

Please pass this information onto your building body corporate or anyone carrying out work in the vicinity of the light rail.

When you need authorisation.

If you need to work in or around the light rail, you must receive an authorisation from Keolis Downer, the proud operator of Newcastle Transport, before work starts.

Activities that involve work in the Hazard Zone or that have the potential to impact the Hazard Zone may potentially impact on Newcastle Light Rail and must be discussed with Keolis Downer. Unauthorised work can be dangerous.

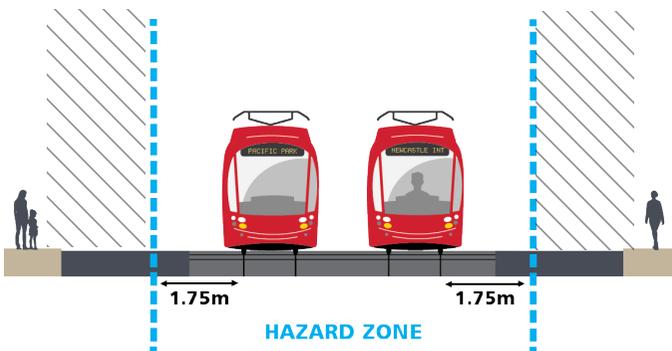
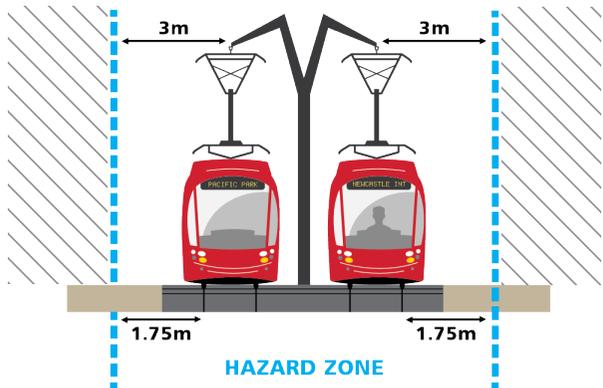
Authority is needed for any of these activities:

- The use of ladders or scaffolding for activities such as painting, window cleaning or repairs and maintenance on buildings adjacent to the light rail corridor will need an approval.
- Work which may force pedestrians or vehicular traffic to be diverted onto the tram tracks.
- Work around any other Newcastle Light Rail assets, such as piling, using a crane, excavation or ground disturbance, or erecting or dismantling scaffolding, within 6m of the edge of the hazard zone.

What is the hazard zone?

- 1.75m from the closest rail, with no limits above or below.
- 3m around the charge bars at light rail stops or overhead lines near the Depot.

Any work adjacent to the hazard zone which results in machinery or people working close to light rail services or which may potentially delay light rail must be discussed with Keolis Downer.



How to get authorisation.

- 1 Download Site Access **Permit Request form*** from **newcastletransport.info**, or get in touch with us via email or phone.
- 2 Submit the application, detailing where and when you want to work, and describe the work to be completed.
- 3 We will respond within ten business days and may advise you of additional precautions to undertake in order to work safely.

*The Site Access Permit Request form is self-assessment tool to determine whether the work does or does not require a work permit from Newcastle Transport. If you select the red box "Yes" for any of the questions you will require a work permit. If you do not require a work permit, you must still request a Site Access Authority (SAA) number before commencing any activities.

We will work to find ways in which your work can be done safely during normal hours. However, for some jobs you may have to work at night when trams do not operate and when power to the charges bars or overhead lines can be switched off.

Authority for the work will only be given when the safe working arrangements are agreed. Do not start work without it. If work must be done urgently to protect people or property, for your own safety you must still contact us and obtain agreement to carry out the work before you start.

If you have any questions we encourage you to get in touch with us.

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