

## **Operations Minimum Requirements**





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### Our pledge on safety

Tram drivers have served the people of Melbourne for more than a century with a well deserved reputation for safety and service. It's fair to say that trammies are part of the very fabric of our great city.

Yarra Trams is proud of the trammie tradition. That's why safety is our number one priority.

Melbourne has the largest operating tram network in the world with trams travelling 22.5 million kilometres each year and sharing around 80% of the network with motor vehicles. In a time of increasing congestion our target of zero accidents is a challenge, but we are making real progress.

As part of our commitment to safety, the Operations Minimum Requirements booklet has been designed to provide you with clear, simple instructions concerning the most important elements of our operations. Please ensure you carry this booklet with you and that your actions are at all times consistent with the requirements contained in it. By doing this, we will continue to enhance our reputation as one of the best providers of light rail services in the world.

I appreciate your role in providing a safe ride for all.

Dennis Griffiths Operations Manager Yarra Trams

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# Sources of information for the drivers

- ☐ Induction Booklet
- ☐ Tram Driver Training Course
- ☐ Rules & Procedures Book
- ☐ Local Training Modules (Senior Depot Trainer)
- □ Work Instructions

## **Management System Definitions**

- ☐ Rules and Procedures:
  - A statement of what must or must not be done (mandatory) by all Drivers on the Yarra Trams network.
- ☐ Work Instructions:
  - Are step-by-step instructions or guidelines for safely conducting specific activities.
     They may or may not be mandatory.
- ☐ Training Course:
  - Set of documents which assist the Drivers to reach the minimum competencies required to perform their role safely and reliably.

#### **Acronyms**

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FOC Fleet Operations Centre

AVM Automatic Vehicle Monitoring –

control system

PA Public Address System

**OPR** Operational Performance Regime

CBD Central Business District is defined

by Flinders St, Spring St, Victoria St, Harbour Esplanade plus Crown Casino

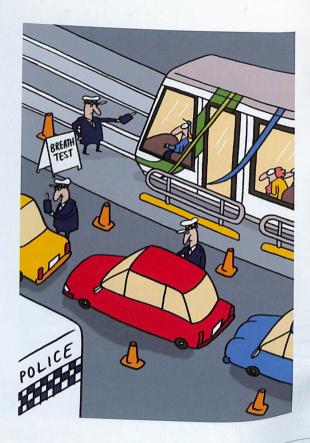
## **Implementation**

#### □ New Drivers

 This module must be presented to the new Drivers on 'Operational Training Day One'.

#### □ Qualified Drivers

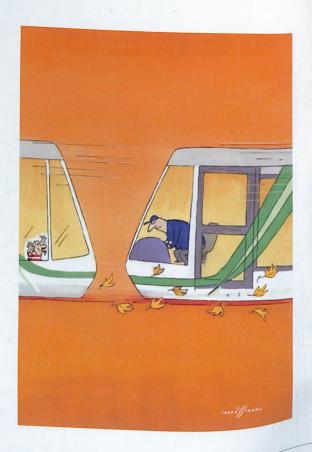
 This module must be presented during the Driver refresher training program.



## Intoxicants (Alcohol & Drugs)

EMPLOYEES ON DUTY MUST NOT HAVE A
BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL GREATER THAN ZERO
AND MUST NOT BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF
ILLICIT DRUGS OR IMPAIRED BY LEGAL DRUGS
OR MEDICATIONS

EMPLOYEES MUST NOT HAND OVER DUTIES
TO ANYONE WHO IS IN BREACH OF THIS RULE



#### Maintain a Safe Distance

FOLLOWING ANOTHER TRAM

TRAM SPEED 20 KM/H OR ABOVE DISTANCE AT LEAST 100 METRES (3 POLES)

TRAM SPEED LOWER THAN 20 KM/H DISTANCE AT LEAST 30 METRES (1 POLE)

STOPPING THE TRAM BEHIND ANOTHER TRAM

TRAM MUST BE STOPPED AT LEAST

1 METRE FROM THE TRAM IN FRONT



### Maintain a Safe Distance

APPROACHING EMERGENCY, MAINTENANCE AND OVERHEAD VEHICLES ON TRACK

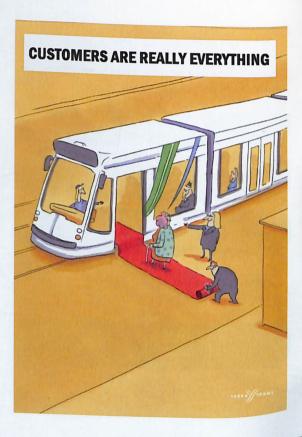
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TRAM MUST BE STOPPED AT LEAST 30 METRES (1 POLE) FROM THESE VEHICLES

TRAM MUST WAIT FOR A HAND OR VERBAL SIGNAL BEFORE PROCEEDING

APPROACHING FIRE OR CROWD

TRAM MUST BE STOPPED AT LEAST 100 METRES (3 POLES)



#### **Customer Service**

PASSENGER CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANCE

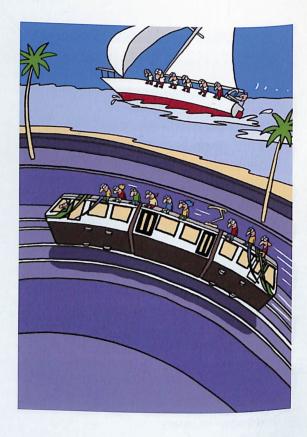
LEAVE THE CABIN IF NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE

If you are not able to provide assistance (sore back, etc), use the PA to ask passengers to assist the customer.

YOU MUST NOT HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH ANY PERSON WHILE YOUR TRAM IS MOVING

## **Avoid creating a Bad Perception**

If a passenger asks for information, answer: I will talk with you at the next stop, thanks.



## Speed

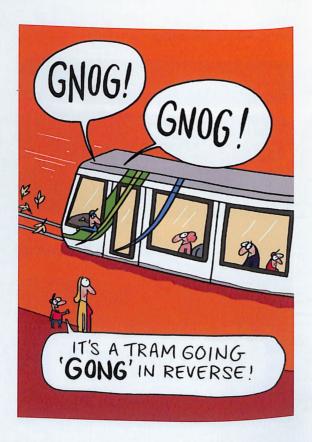
SPEED OUTSIDE STOPPING PLACES

SPEED NO GREATER THAN 15 KM/H:

- □ CROSSOVERS (WHEN SHUNTING)
- ☐ H CROSSING
- □ RAILWAY CROSSING AND UNDER BRIDGES
- ☐ APPROACHING AUTOMATIC POINTS INDICATOR
- □ SHARP CURVES
- □ RECONSTRUCTION WORK
- □ INTERMEDIATE CROSSOVER
- ☐ TRAILING POINTS

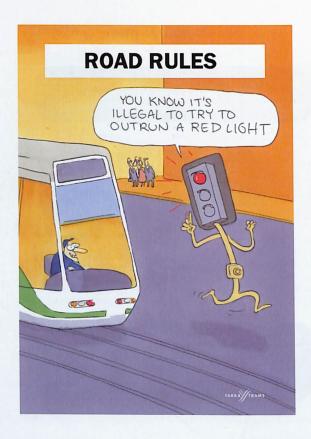
DEPOT YARDS AND DEPOT SHED: SPEED NO GREATER THAN 10 KM/H

☐ GONG when necessary



Reverse a tram

TRAMS MUST NEVER
BE REVERSED UNDER
ANY CIRCUMSTANCES



## **Road Traffic Regulations**

DRIVERS MUST FOLLOW YARRA TRAMS RULES OR OTHERWISE ROAD TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY

- If a traffic light signal is not working,
   FOC must be notified
- $\hfill\Box$  Give way to all emergency vehicles