

under section PSC 72.04

Chapter PSC 72

REPORTING RAILROAD ACCIDENTS

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PSC 72.01 Rules and questionnaire for reporting railroad accidents.
 The following rules and form of questionnaire for the reporting of highway-grade crossing accidents are established effective September 1, 1952.

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PSC 72.02 Grade-crossing accident reports. (1) Upon the occurrence of any accident at a railroad-highway grade crossing, regardless of the extent of personal injury or property damage, a report of such accident on the form prescribed by the commission, a copy of which is attached hereto, shall be filed with the commission within 1 week, said form to be as complete as possible on the basis of the information then in possession of the reporting officer, except that if such accident results in death or serious injury, a report by telegram of the happening of such accident shall also be made to the commission by the railroad company concerned within 24 hours.

Note: The term "serious injury" as used herein means an injury of such nature that loss of life or limb may be reasonably expected.

(2) In the event such accident involves personal injury, death, or property damage in excess of \$325, a complete report on said form shall be filed with the commission within 30 days after the close of the month in which said accident occurred.

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PSC 72.03 Nontrain, train, and train-service accident reports. (1) Upon occurrence of any accident other than at a grade crossing resulting in death, a report by telegram shall be made to the commission within 24 hours.

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(2) Any nonfatal accident other than at a grade crossing which causes damage to railroad property of \$325 or more or disability to a railroad employee of more than 3 days or disability to a non-employee of more than 1 day shall be reported to the commission by such means of communication as will insure delivery within 10 days.

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PSC 72.04 Monthly reports. (1) Monthly reports of all accidents shall be made to the commission. In making these reports, each railroad company shall be governed by the interstate commerce commission rules relating to monthly reports of railway accidents, effective January 1, 1952, except as hereinafter modified or amplified.

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(1a) A verification sheet (Form V for steam railroads and L for electric railways) must be executed by the proper reporting officer at the close of each month and promptly forwarded to this commission even if no reportable accidents have occurred during the month.

(2) Reports of accidents shall be made on public service commission forms V, L, T, and F, which are similar to those required by the interstate commerce commission. Forms will be supplied by this commission upon request.

PSC 72.05 Accident report form *under section PSC 72.04*

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN
GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT REPORT**

- 1. Railroad _____ Crossing number _____
- 2. Place of accident _____
- 3. Name of street or highway number _____
- 4. Date of accident _____ Hour ____ A.M. ____ P.M.
- 5. Names of highway travelers involved _____
Number killed: _____ Number injured: _____
- 6. Highway traffic involved:
Automobile _____ Truck _____ Other vehicle _____ Pedestrian _____
- 7. Tr. hit vehicle or person ____ Vehicle hit tr. ____ Undetermined ____
- 8. Approximate speed of approaching highway vehicle _____ MPH
Direction moving (compass direction _____)
- 9. Weather and visibility:
Daylight _____ Dark _____ Twilight _____
Clear ____ Cloudy ____ Foggy ____ Raining ____ Snowing ____ Sleetng ____
- 10. Condition of pavement: Wet __ Dry __ Covered with snow __ ice __
- 11. Railroad traffic involved:
Pass Tr. ____ Frt. Tr. ____ Sw. M. ____ Other ____ Tr. speed ____ MPH
Backing up __ Moving ahead __ Compass direction of tr. movement ____
- 12. Crossing protection:
Automatic gates ____ Manual gates ____ Position (up or down) ____
Wigwags __ Flashing lights __ Operating __ Rotating stop sign __
Crossing flagman __ Tr. crew flagman __ Position (side of train) __
Crossing bell _____ Crossing bell ringing _____
Stop signs __ Reflectorized cross buck ____ Standard cross buck ____
Advance-warning signs _____ Flood light _____
Other protection _____
- 13. Describe obstructions to view, permanent or transitory: _____
(Building, trees, cars near crossing, vegetation, snowbanks, etc.)
- 14. Approximate angle of crossing in degrees _____
- 15. Further particulars _____
(Curved approach, steep approach grade, two-

train type accident, etc. Use reverse side if necessary.)

Report submitted by _____ Person
_____ Title

Date of Report _____

(Instructions on Reverse Side)

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PSC 72.06 "Instructions on reverse side" of form.

Grade Crossing Accident Reports

(1) Upon the occurrence of any accident at a railroad-highway grade crossing, regardless of the extent of personal injury or property damage, a report of such accident shall be filed with the commission within 1 week, said form to be as complete as possible on the basis of the information then in possession of the reporting officer, except that if such accident results in death or serious injury, a report by telegram of the happening of such accident shall also be made to the commission by the railroad company concerned within 24 hours.

(The term "serious injury" as used herein means an injury of such nature that loss of life or limb may be reasonably expected.)

(2) In the event such accident involves personal injury, death or property damage in excess of \$325, a complete report on this form shall be filed with the commission within 30 days after the close of the month in which said accident occurred.

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