

Circumstance Codes

(Appendix F of the FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports)

PHYSICAL ACT CIRCUMSTANCE CODES

Select one of these codes and enter in Form F6180.55a, 5j. Physical
Alphabetic Listing

Circumstance	Code	Circumstance	Code
Adjusting coupler	01	Applying rail anchor/fastener	04
Adjusting drawbar	02	Arresting/apprehending/subduing	B3
Adjusting, other	03	Ascending	A2
Bending, stooping	05		
Carrying	06	Coupling steam hose	12
Chaining, cabling car or locomotive	07	Crossing between	16
Cleaning/scrubbing	08	Crossing or crawling under	15
Climbing over/on	09	Crossing over	14
Closing	10	Cutting rail	17
Coupling air hose	13	Cutting vegetation	18
Coupling electric cables	11	Cutting, other	19
Derail, applying	77	Descending	A3
Derail, otherg	79	Digging, excavating	20
Derail, removing	78	Driving (motor vehicle, forklift, etc.)	21
Exercising	A4		
Flagging	22	Fueling	23
Getting in	A5	Getting out	A6
Getting off	25	Grinding	26
Getting on	24		

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Handbrakes, applying	74	Handling other track material/supplies	33
Handbrakes, applying	74	Handling poles	34
Handbrakes, other	76	Handling rail	37
Handbrakes, releasing	75	Handling tie plates	35
Handbrakes, releasing	75	Handling ties	36
Handling baggage	27	Handling wheels/trucks	31
Handling car parts	28	Handling, other	32
Handling locomotive parts	30	Hauling	A7
Handling material, general	29		
Inspecting	38	Installing	39
Jumping from	40	Jumping onto	41
Laying	42	Lining switches	45
Lifting equipment (tools, parts, etc.)	44	Lining, other	46
Lifting equipment (tools, parts, etc.)	44	Lining, other	46
Lifting other material	43	Loading/unloading	47
Lining switches	45	Lying down	B6
Maintaining/servicing	48	Moving	A8
Opening	49	Operating	51
Opening/closing angle cock	50	Other (Narrative must be provided)	99
Pulling	53	Pushing	54
Pulling pin lifter/operating uncoupling lever	52		

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Reaching	55	Replacing	A1
Removing rail anchors/fasteners	56	Riding	58
Repairing	57	Running	59
Sanding	B2	Standing	62
Servicing	B1	Stepped on	B5
Sitting	60	Stepping down	64
Sleeping	B4	Stepping over	65
Spiking (installation/removal)	61	Stepping up	63
Uncoupling air hose	66	Using hand signals	69
Uncoupling electric cables	68	Using hand tool	70
Uncoupling steam hose	67	Using, other	71
Walking	72	Welding (includes field welding)	73
Washing	A9	Welding (includes field welding)	73