



BLUE FLAG/SIGNAL PROTECTION



- A **BLUE SIGNAL** is defined as a clearly distinguishable blue flag or blue light by day and a blue light by night.
- A **blue signal** must be placed directly adjacent to each derail or at the clearance point of switches used to protect the equipment; AND
- If a locomotive is attached, employees must place a **blue signal** on the controlling locomotive where it can be clearly seen by a person at the operating controls.
- Controlled movements of equipment within a **blue signal** protected area are restricted to those who are properly qualified.

Prevent access to the track that is being worked

- An Effective Locking Device is defined as a switch padlock that is vandal and tamper resistant.
- An effective locking device can be unlocked **ONLY** by the class, group, or craft of employees that applied it.
- Switches providing access to the work area must be lined to prevent access and secured with an effective locking device; OR



- A derail must be applied in the derailing position on all tracks providing access and locked with an effective locking device.
- Derails must be at least 150 feet from the end of the rolling stock **UNLESS** track speed is restricted to 5 mph or less, when the distance may be reduced to 50 ft.