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Hand signals are an ideal communication tool when working around noisy rail yard machinery. To help everyone communicate in the same "language," we have adopted 8 uniform hand signals for your safety. These signals should be learned and used by all employees and visitors such as truck drivers, salespeople and Extension agents. Using standard signals can help:

- saves time; prevents accidents; reduces severity of injuries

Detailed instructions for performing the 8 signals shown are presented below.

	<p>THIS FAR TO GO</p> <p>Place palms at ear level, facing head, and move laterally inward to indicate remaining distance to go.</p>
	<p>MOVE TOWARD ME</p> <p>Point toward person(s), vehicle(s), unit(s); beckon by holding the arm horizontally to the front, palm up, and motioning toward the body.</p>
	<p>MOVE AWAY</p> <p>Face the desired direction of movement; hold the arm extended to the rear; then swing it overhead and forward in the direction of desired movement until it is horizontal palm down.</p>
	<p>FULL STOP OF VEHICLE MOVEMENT</p> <p>Raise the hand upward to the full extent of the arm and back to the shoulder rapidly several times.</p>
	<p>START PRODUCT FLOW</p> <p>Simulate cranking of vehicles by moving arm in a circular motion at waist level.</p>
	<p>STOP / SHUTDOWN LOADING PROCEDURE</p> <p>Draw either hand, palm down across the neck in a "throat-cutting" motion.</p>
	<p>LOWER THE SPEED OF THE PRODUCT FLOW</p> <p>Make circular motion with either hand pointing to the ground.</p>
	<p>RAISE THE SPEED OF THE PRODUCT FLOW</p> <p>Make circular motion with either hand at head level.</p>