

## The importance of Authority to work

Authority to work exists for your safety and should be carried out before every shift.

### What is it?

Swiping the Sentinel card determines whether an individual has the Authority to Work on the railway infrastructure by checking they:

- Are competent
- Are medically fit
- Have an up-to-date Drug and Alcohol test
- Work for a valid sponsor

### Who it affects....

- Card checkers (primarily) and card holders

### When it must be done...

- Each and every shift
- Each time you work with a different Controller of Site Safety (COSS)
- Upon request following an event/incident or investigation