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8.3.1.1 Requirements.

The STRPS is required to ensure that all its volunteers and contractors when they are working at the railway, regardless of role, are not under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Furthermore, legislation is in place that makes it an offence for a person to be in control of a railway vehicle or to operate certain types of fixed and mobile work equipment, for example fork lift trucks whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

8.3.1.2 Arrangements.

All new STRPS volunteers are advised at the commencement of their involvement as part of Railway 1 that they must not present themselves for work at the railway whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Where a member of STRPS staff or a volunteer is taking a medically prescribed drug this must be declared to STRPS on their Self Declaration Medical Assessment Form together with a statement that they are advised by their medical practitioner that such medication does not impair their ability to carry out safety critical roles. In addition any subsequent changes to prescribed medication are declared to STRPS as and when they occur.

STRPS volunteers are required to sign-on at the start of their duty or work period at the railway. This signing-on under the requirements of the rulebook is considered to be a declaration that the volunteer is confirming that they are free from the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Under no circumstances may STRPS staff or volunteers consume drugs (except those medically prescribed) or alcohol while on duty.

The STRPS reserves the right to undertake testing of volunteers for the presence of alcohol or drugs should it have reasonable cause to do so.

8.3.1.3 Applicable Legislation - Transport & Works Act 1992. Section 27(1)

8.3.1.4 References - Railway Group Standard RIS-8070-TOM

8.3.1.5 Documentation - Signing-On Sheets. Railway 1 training record.