

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

- **Railway accidents by type of accident**

Total number of the railway serious injury accidents in 2008 increased from 55 to 64 compared to 2007, while the number of level-crossing accidents marked a decrease of 33.3%. At the same time the accidents to persons caused by rolling stock in motion considerably increased – by 23.8% in 2008.

Year	2007		2008	
	Number of serious injury accidents and significant accidents	Number of serious injury accidents	Number of serious injury accidents and significant accidents	Number of serious injury accidents
Collisions of trains	3	3	3	2
Derailments	1	0	0	0
Level-crossing accidents	10	10	9	9
Accidents to persons caused by rolling stock in motion	42	42	52	52
Fires in rolling stock	0	0	1	1
Others	0	0	0	0
Total	56	55	65	64

- **Persons seriously injured by type of accident and by category of person**

Number of seriously injured in trains collisions increased from 4 to 5 persons, while their number in level-crossing accidents dropped by 22.2%. In contrast to 2007, when no seriously injured persons by fires in rolling stock had been registered, in 2008 there were 5 seriously injured passengers.

Year	2007				2008			
	Passengers	Employees	Others	Total	Passengers	Employees	Others	Total
Collisions of trains	0	2	2	4	0	0	5	5
Derailments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level-crossing accidents	0	0	9	9	0	1	6	7
Accidents to persons caused by rolling stock in motion	6	0	15	21	3	1	17	21
Fires in rolling stock	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	2	26	34	8	2	28	38

- **Persons killed by type of accident and by category of person**

In 2008 a considerable increase of persons killed in railway accidents was observed. From 27 persons in 2007, their number grew to 44 – in 2008. The number of killed in accidents to persons caused by rolling stock in motion had the highest share in 2008 – 70.5%. Nine passengers were killed in 2008 as a result of fires in rolling stock, while in 2007 there was not such an incident.

Types of accidents	Year	2007				2008				Number
		Passengers	Employees	Others	Total	Passengers	Employees	Others	Total	
Collisions of trains		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Derailments		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level-crossing accidents		0	0	5	5	0	0	4	4	
Accidents to persons caused by rolling stock in motion		2	0	20	22	3	1	27	31	
Fires in rolling stock		0	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	
Others		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total		2	0	25	27	12	1	31	44	