

## Definitions

**Accident:** An event that involves any of the following – loss of life; a report of a serious injury to a person; a collision of a public transit vehicle; an evacuation for life safety reasons at any location, at any time, whatever the cause.

**Accountable Executive:** A single, identifiable person who has ultimate responsibility for carrying out the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan of a public transportation agency; responsibility for carrying out the Agency's Transit Asset Management Plan; and control or direction over the human and capital resources needed to develop and maintain both the Agency's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d), and the Agency's Transit Asset Management Plan in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5326.

**Chief Safety Officer:** Means an adequately trained individual who has responsibility for safety and reports directly to a transit agency's chief executive officer, general manager, president, or equivalent officer. A Chief Safety Officer may not serve in other operational or maintenance capacities, unless the Chief Safety Officer is employed by a transit agency that is a small public transportation provider as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 673, or a public transportation provider that does not operate a rail fixed guideway public transportation system.

**Event:** Means any accident, incident, or occurrence.

**Fatality:** A death or suicide confirmed within 30 days of a reported event. Does not include deaths in or on transit property that are a result of illness or other natural causes; a death due to, Collision (including suicides), Fire, Hazardous material spill, Acts of God, System, or personal security event (including suicides), and other safety events.

**Hazard:** A condition that has the potential to cause injury, illness, death, or property damage.

**Hazard Likelihood:** Probability of a hazard consequence to occur.

**Hazard Severity:** The effect damaging result of a hazards consequence.

**Incident:** An event that involves any of the following – a personal injury that is not a serious injury; one or more injuries requiring medical transport; or damage to facilities, equipment, rolling stock, or infrastructure that disrupts the operations of a transit agency.

**Injury:** Any damage or harm to persons that requires immediate medical attention away from the scene because of a reportable event. Agencies must report each person transported away from the scene for medical attention as an injury, whether or not the person appears to be injured.

**Occurrence:** An event without any personal injury in which any damage to facilities, equipment, rolling stock, or infrastructure does not disrupt the operations of a transit agency.

**Performance target:** A quantifiable level of performance or condition, expressed as a value for the measure, to be achieved within a time period required by the Federal Transit Administration.