

Access gate safety issue

Issued to: **Network Rail safety, maintenance and operational delivery leads and RISQS registered contractors**

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Overview

Signs on access gates across our infrastructure are a valuable way to provide safety information, especially to confirm line designations, emergency numbers etc. But they can also cause a 'sail effect' in high winds.

There have been reported cases of people being injured when the gates move in high winds. Some gates also become cluttered with signs which can result in the essential safety messages being less obvious.

Immediate action required

- Review the signage fixed to all access gates.
- Consider if the signage is required.
- Consider moving signage to the fence lines or a designated site entry board.