Safety Advice

Action required following a serious incident



Collision between a train and a road vehicle at Frognal Farm UWCT on 23 October 2017

Issued to: Network Rail Heads of Route

SHE and Level Crossing

Managers

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Overview

On 23 October 2017 a passenger train collided with a delivery vehicle at Frognal Farm level crossing in Kent. The train was travelling at about 85mph at the point of collision. It did not derail, but was damaged by the impact.

Frognal Farm level crossing is equipped with telephones and POGO equipment.

RAIB have published an <u>Urgent Safety Advice</u> stating that: Network Rail should urgently review the design and wording of the warning/instruction at user worked level crossings with POGO equipment to ensure that the instructions are clear and alert users to the nature and severity of the risks.

Immediate action required

LCMs are required to undertake an urgent site visit to ensure that:

- Mandatory signage is present in accordance with legislative requirements.
- Unnecessary signage is removed, especially where multiple signs with numbered steps could generate confusion.

 Remaining signage is optimally positioned and provides clear instruction on how to safely traverse and operate crossing equipment.

Copies of Safety Advice are available on Safety Central.