

Safety Advice

Action required following a serious incident



Prohibition of rail connected speed boards in 3rd and 4th rail areas

Issued to: All Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and RISQS registered contractors

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Overview

At approximately 02:45 on Wednesday 18 July 2018 a member of the Camden P-way team was seriously injured and suffered a burn to the right hand when they came into contact with a live conductor rail, part of the 650V/750V DC fourth rail traction power supply system.

This occurred when a team were called upon to place an Emergency Speed Restriction (ESR) in conjunction with an earlier bridge strike.

The injured colleague has been discharged from hospital and is now resting at home.

They remain under hospital care while checks are performed to identify whether there is any long term damage.

Immediate action required

- The placing of any type of rail mounted Emergency Speed Restriction or Temporary Speed Restriction (ESR/TSR) speed boards in third or fourth rail areas is prohibited with immediate effect.
- Alternative means must be used in all cases such as ballast boxes and structure clamps.

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