

### Accident involving the manual Rotamag Rail Lifter

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### Overview

There have been a number of incidents where operators of Rotamag Rail Lifters (without a locking trigger mechanism) have sustained injuries due to uncontrolled rapid movement of the equipment.

Rotamag Rail Lifters are held in place manually and if released accidentally will uncontrollably move swiftly through a 180° arc if downward pressure is not maintained.

Those without a locking trigger are not Product Approved and must not be used on Network Rail infrastructure.

### Immediate action required

- Rotamag Rail Lifters without the trigger type locking device must be removed from stores and vehicles immediately. This equipment must be quarantined and scrapped and not be used in any circumstances.
- Only use Product Approved equipment.
- Rotamag Rail Lifters with the trigger type locking device can continue to be used.
- Rail should be lifted using track jacks.