

Safety Advice



Train struck hand trolley

Issued to: **All Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and accredited contractors**

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Location: Twickenham Station, Wessex route

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Overview

On Wednesday 8 September 2021, after a possession had been given up, a passenger train struck a hand trolley that had been left on the Up Main line near Twickenham Station.

On collision, the trolley became wedged under the front carriage of the train.

There were no injuries.

The line through Twickenham is an axle counter area and subject to the requirements of Network Rail Work Instruction NR/L3/OPS/084 'Line Clear Arrangements following Engineering Works in Axle Counter Area – Line Clear Verification process'.

An investigation is taking place to understand how the trolley was left on the line.

Immediate action required

- All COSSs, Safe Work Leaders (SWL) and Engineering Supervisors (ES) must comply with their duties relating to line clear verification (LCV), including complete worksite sweeps, to make sure the line is safe for the passage of trains before handing their worksite back.
- All vehicles, including hand trolleys, placed on the line must be recorded (by the Machine Controller / COSS / SWL / ES / PICOP) on the appropriate LCV forms and cross referenced when each vehicle is removed from the line.