

Safety Advice

Action required following a serious incident



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Rigid worksite fencing

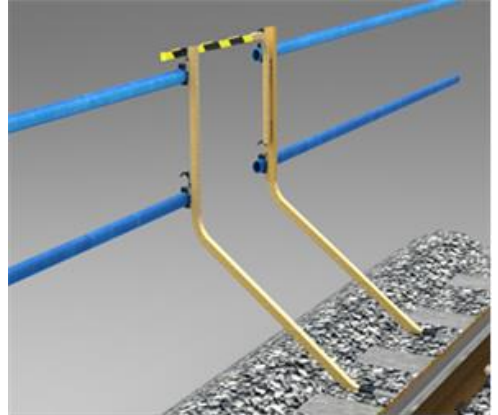
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Overview

Investigation into the track worker fatality on 8 April 2020 found that the worksite safety barriers were not put up correctly.

Instructions on how to install the safety barrier correctly are found in the Manufacturer's Guidance Document and Product Acceptance Certificate.

Investigation found that the worksite safety barrier had gaps in it – more than required for safe refuges. This meant workers could get onto the open running lines too easily. The track worker was walking between two of those gaps when he was struck by a train

Immediate action required

Review and check whether Rigid Safety Barriers are being used in line with the Product Acceptance Certificate PA05/01952:

- The Rigid Safety Barrier System must be erected in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- A Safe Access Gate should be fitted. This is a one-way opening gate attached between fence supports to create a continuous fence but allowing safe access from the track every 40 metres.

- Rigid Barriers must be at least 1.25m from the nearest running rail.
- Where barriers cause limited clearance, suitable Limited Clearance signs **must** be erected

The previous Safety Alert regarding the incident can be found in [Safety Central](#).