

Safety Bulletin

A serious incident has taken place



Near miss with a group of track workers - Croxdale Viaduct

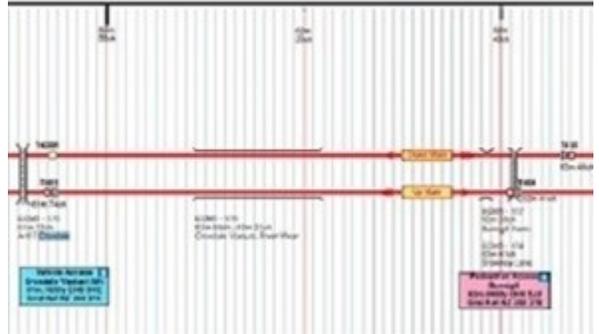
Issued to: **All Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and RISQS registered contractors**

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Location: Croxdale Viaduct, LNE Route

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Overview

At 23:45 on the 20th January 2019, the driver of 5T83 made an emergency GSM-R call to report striking a worksite marker board on the Up Main at Croxdale Viaduct, and a subsequent near miss with two workers who had jumped clear of the train with just five seconds to spare.

The work group were monitoring the track associated with overhead line works and were working at the planned and agreed worksite location. But it was linked in error during planning to an unrelated possession at the same mileage on a different ELR some 90 miles away. This meant the worksite was on an open line, with a 90mph linespeed and no possession protection.

Discussion points

While we are investigating this incident, please discuss the following with your teams:

Work on the operational railway can be at similar mileages on different ELR's or lines of route (LoR).

- How do you identify when and where this will occur?
- What are the opportunities to identify these issues and discuss and agree solutions?

- Who needs to be involved in planning and communicating the arrangements?
- How do you familiarise yourself with the safe work pack?
- How are arrangements communicated on site?
- What controls should avoid confusion about location?

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