

# Safety Bulletin

A serious incident has taken place



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home safe  
every day

## Sudbrook Pumping Station Prohibition Notice

Scope: All Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and accredited contractors

Ref: NRB22-09

Date: 27/09/2022

Location: Sudbrook Pumping Station

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## Overview

During an ORR inspection at Sudbrook Pumping Station on 21st September 2022 it was highlighted that there were unprotected edges to the decking of a House Crane Maintenance Gantry (highlighted above).

Following the last use of the gantry the plating doors, which mitigate the risk of falling from height, had not been returned to their intended state (closed) therefore leaving the gantry in an unsafe condition.

At the time of the inspection there were no measures in place to prevent anyone accessing the ladder, gaining access to the gantry and potentially falling through the gap in the deck of the gantry causing a significant injury or death.

## Discussion points

- Do you and your teams have the appropriate controls and permits to work in place to undertake work on this type of structure?
- Only competent persons with a Safe System of Work are permitted to access any at height locations. If permits are required, they must not be signed off until all control measures are verified and safe.
- Are you satisfied that your arrangements for this type of activity are being used effectively in your area?
- How do you assure yourself and others, that the control measures are correct and safe to undertake the planned task?
- When work has been completed, do you always verify all areas have been made safe and locked off before signing off your permits

Remember, if you do not feel that you have a safe system of work in place, use the worksafe procedure.