

Safety Hour Discussion Pack

Topic: Physical Signs of Trespass

Purpose of the discussion:

To raise awareness of the physical signs of trespass, and the part that our colleagues can play in helping to prevent trespass on our infrastructure.

What impact does trespass have on the railway?

Some facts to consider:

- Trespass remains the highest cause of accidental death on the railway, with over 20 people a year dying whilst trespassing
- Trespass causes significant delays to trains, costing Network Rail money in Schedule 8 payments, and impacting passengers
- Trespass can enable vandalism which causes significant damage to our network and has the potential to derail a train.

Discussion points: Use below to plan your facilitated discussion. Remember, you don't have to have all the answers – the role of the facilitator is to create an engaging discussion where everyone identifies and commits to solutions.

Discussion points	Supporting notes
<p>How can we tell where trespassers are gaining access to our network?</p>	<p>Physical signs of trespass to look out for include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holes in the fencing • Worn paths through vegetation, showing that people are regularly walking on a route • Climbing aids left next to fences, or damage to the top of fencing where people have climbed over the fence • Excessive litter, particularly food wrappers, in an area, showing that people are congregating in an area <p>Consider if you have spotted these before, did you link the signs to potential trespass?</p>
<p>How can knowing where trespassers gain access to our network help us to prevent trespass?</p>	<p>If we know how and where trespassers are gaining access to the railway we can repair and improve railway and office boundaries to try and prevent further access.</p> <p>We can also consider using covert cameras in 'hotspot trespass areas' to better understand who is trespassing on the railway, and potentially take enforcement action or educate them on the risks of trespass. For example, if it is mainly children – talks could be given in the local school</p> <p>Thinking about the last location you worked in, was the area at risk of trespass? Is there anything that could have been improved to prevent trespass?</p>

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<p>Who would need to know about a potential trespass access point?</p>	<p>Once a potential trespass access point has been spotted we need to take action to manage the risks.</p> <p>For a frontline location, this means that the local off-track section manager would need to know, but also that the local Operations risk control coordinator would need to be informed so that they are aware of the location as a trespass risk area.</p> <p>In an office location you can inform the building manager or workplace team.</p> <p>You can also raise a Close Call, and record where you have taken action to eliminate the risk as well as where further input is required.</p>
<p>How can you spot and report a potential trespass access point?</p>	<p>Consider which physical signs of trespass would need immediate action. These could be holes in the fence, climbing aids etc. which would need to be phoned through to control as an urgent fault.</p> <p>Could you safely remove a climbing aid you've seen? If not it should be reported and left until it can be removed safely.</p> <p>Raise a Close Call - include a detailed location and a photo, if known list the ORCC as the responsible manager. The ORCC will log the information, deal with the removal of any climbing aids as required, and then close the Call.</p>

For further information:

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Raise a Close Call using the App on your smartphone or call 01908 723 500