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Key learning following a serious incident



Fall from height - staff injury

Issued to: All Network Rail line managers,

safety professionals and RISQS

registered contractors

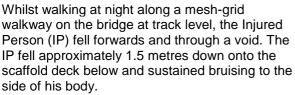
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Location: UB304/004 Todholes, Scotland

Contact: IP Scotland S&SD





Underlying causes

- A change in work activity occurred.
- The change was neither adequately planned nor risk assessed.
- The Task Briefing Sheet did not reflect the works or arrangements required.



Suitable controls to address the hazard were not implemented or discussed

before or after removing the walkway

Walkway panels had been removed to allow

work to recover from his injuries.

panels.

workers to pass materials up from the scaffold

deck below. However, the IP was unaware of this.

The IP attended hospital and had to take time off

• Lighting at the site of works was inadequate.

Key message

- Works MUST be planned, and risk assessed to avoid late change in the first instance.
- Works MUST be re-assessed if late change is required to manage risk effectively.
- Who is responsible for controlling activity on site and ensuring effective communication of hazards and related risks?
- How do you ensure adequate resources are provided on site, particularly in remote locations?

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