

## Accident at Leeds Station

Issued to: **All Network Rail line managers and safety professionals**

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Location: Leeds Station, North & East Route

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## Overview/Underlying causes

Do you see all the risks in your place of work?

On 30th August 2022, a mobile information stand fell on a child at Leeds Station, sadly they suffered a serious injury.

The information stand wasn't staffed at the time of the incident.

During investigation we've discovered that neither Network Rail nor the owner of the stand (LNER) had a valid risk assessment for the stand to be in or used in the station's public areas.

It was also identified that the general risk posed by other pieces of mobile equipment had not been adequately risk assessed.

## Key messages

- What mobile equipment do you have in your work area that expose staff or members of the public to risk?
- Are all pieces of mobile equipment (information stands, poster cases, etc.) at your location covered by an adequate risk assessment?
- Do staff routinely inspect the condition of mobile equipment at your location?
- When a piece of mobile equipment presents a fall risk, are controls in place to manage the risk and are they being followed?
- Do you have adequate first aid provision in place to manage incidents where equipment falls on staff or a member of the public?