

Safety Bulletin

A serious incident has taken place

Colleague killed in motorcycle accident

Issued to: All Network Rail line managers and Achilles registered contractors

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Overview

Tragically we must report that a Network Rail colleague has died following a motorcycle accident.

Nick Shaw, a principal engineer in the buildings and architecture team, was involved in a road accident with a bus in London on 10 February; sadly he died the following day in hospital.

Nick 'infected those around him with the enthusiasm and sheer enjoyment that he felt being part of several great projects' and will be greatly missed by his peers.

Nick was travelling across London on his motorcycle and we know he had a meeting at Waterloo that morning.

We have already removed Network Rail motorcycles which were used in the past for operational purposes. We have also reviewed our policy in relation to the use of motorcycles for business travel.

Before implementing the proposed policy changes we will review them again to make sure they are sufficiently clear in light of this tragic incident.

Discussion Points

Whilst we are investigating the causes of this incident please discuss the following with your teams:

- What are the risks you face when driving a vehicle or riding a bike?
- What could increase the risks when driving a vehicle or riding a bike?
- What can we personally do to reduce these risks?

- What changes to our policies and ways of working might help us all to reduce the risk?

To support these discussions we have attached advice for both motorcyclists and drivers provided and endorsed by the Motorcycle Industry Association (MIA).

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