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## Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

### Prohibition on the use of Brush Cutter Metal Blades.

This bulletin is for the attention of: IMDM's, Off Track Staff, Training, Maintenance Workforce HS&E Advisors and all Network Rail Maintenance Staff



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After a review by the Engineering Plant Team and following previous incidents, it has been decided that the use of metal blades in conjunction with brush cutting equipment may pose a risk to Network Rail staff when used in areas where metal debris may be present.

#### Action to be taken

Therefore:

- Brush Cutter metal blades are prohibited for use by Network Rail Staff.
- Network Rail suppliers will be informed of the requirement to fit this type of equipment with nylon blades only.
- Any equipment found during pre-use inspection fitted with a steel blade must not be used until it has had a nylon blade fitted by a trained and competent person. These inspections are best carried out at the depot where remedial actions can be carried out before going to site.

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