

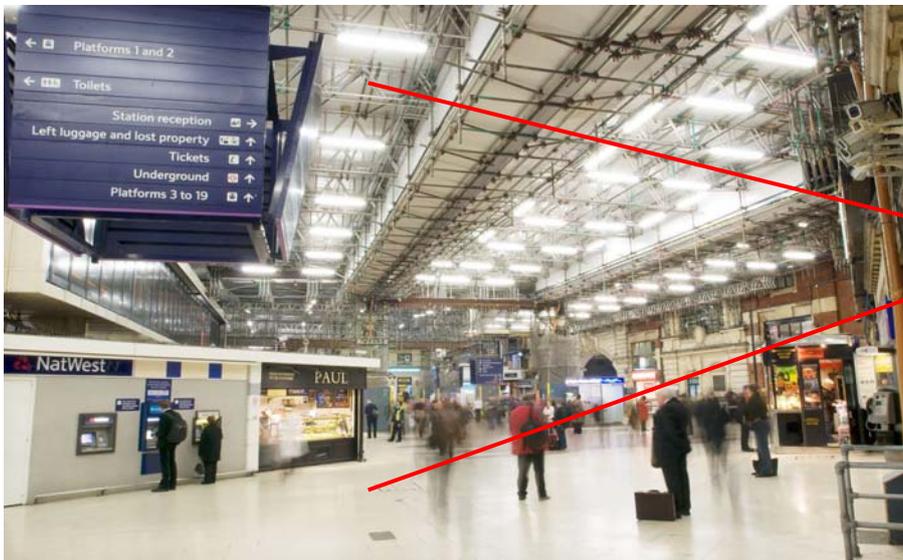
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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

Temporary protective systems to prevent falling materials

This bulletin is for the attention of staff responsible for the design, specification, installation and management of systems constructed to facilitate access above work and public areas

On Monday 23rd August at Victoria Stn in London, an incident occurred in which a steel scaffold tube fell from a height of over 6m onto the concourse of the station which was open to the public. In this instance there was the potential for this to have resulted in a serious injury or, indeed, a fatality, however it did result in minor injuries to two members of the public. This accident is now the subject of a Network Rail Formal Investigation. The Health and Safety Executive are also conducting their own enquiries.



Scaffold tube
fell from here
and landed
here

Action-

All staff involved with the specification and construction of current protection platforms on their respective projects are to conduct a review to establish that the method of work adequately addresses the risk and specifies suitable control measures for protecting others from the risk of falling objects. These should consider as a minimum three phases; erection, during use and dismantling.