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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

Train Struck Lookout Equipment

This bulletin is for the attention of;

All staff and contractors who hold an NCCA card working for investment projects, Asset Management, National Delivery Service and Network Operations including Infrastructure Maintenance.

Background:

On 2nd February 2012, an experienced team comprising of a Section Manager (acting as the COSS), a Supervisor & Lookout were undertaking trackside inspections at North Kent East Junction between London Bridge and New Cross.

The team accessing the site through Bricklayers Arms access point and carried out an inspection on the 4 down line, directly adjacent to the cess.

Once the inspection was completed the Section Manager & Supervisor moved into the cess and were looking at a clipboard, with the Lookout in the cess very close to group.

It is believed that the Lookout's bag (possibly the wooden flag poles) was struck from behind by a train, causing the lookout to be pushed to the ground in the cess.

He got up straight away and confirmed that he was alright, receiving a small laceration to one of his fingers.

Action Required:

The incident is currently subject to investigation. In advance of the investigation findings, please ensure that when on or near the line;

- A safe system of work is maintained at all times
- Lookout(s) remain in appointed positions
- Lookout(s) are not distracted and remain vigilant at all times



Remember that even when the work has been completed the dangers remain the same until you are no longer on or near the line