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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

For the attention of ALL STAFF AND CONTRACTORS

Background:

On Saturday 26th January, during high winds, a First Great Western train struck a fallen telegraph pole that was fouling the open line at Laira, Plymouth. The train was damaged but fortunately no-one was injured.



Photograph A



Photograph B

Photograph A shows the damage sustained by the unit and Photograph B shows the final resting position of the pole after the impact.

A formal investigation is ongoing to determine the immediate and underlying causes.

Immediate Action

1. Network Rail to establish whether all telegraph poles on the infrastructure are in Ellipse and have thus been subject to an assessment and regular inspection.
2. Any person concerned about the condition or stability of any pole should report the matter immediately to the Fault Control Centre as normal.