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## Network Rail Safety Bulletin

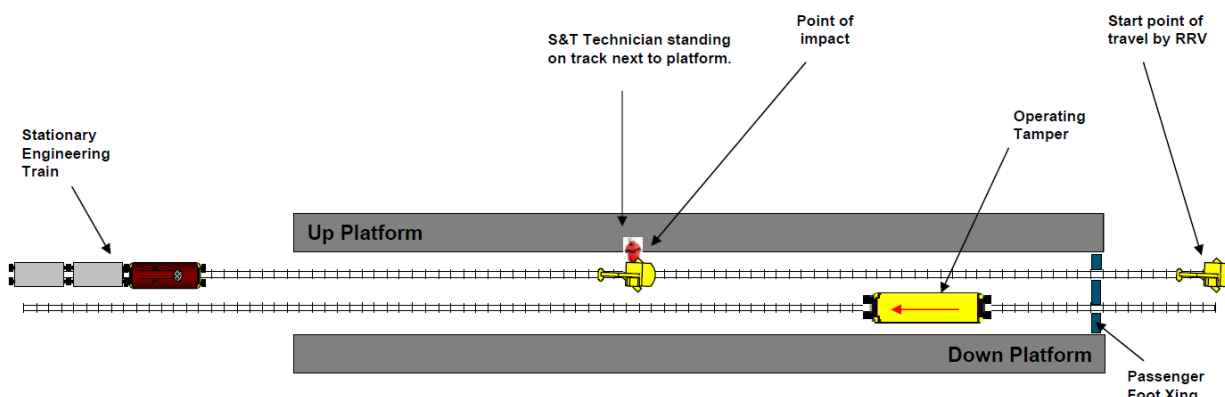
### RRV traps operative against Hope station platform – 8 March 2013

#### This bulletin is for the attention of;

Infrastructure Projects; Network Operations; Asset Management; NDS; Principal Contractors

#### Accident

Whilst undertaking track renewal work between station platforms, two S&T Technicians were standing on the Up Line observing cables during tamping operations on the Down Line. A RRV approached on the Up line. One person dived clear, however the second was pressed against the platform edge and was trapped between the RRV caterpillar tracks and the edge of the platform coping stones.



The injured Person was taken to hospital and released later the same day with bruising to his leg and ankle – **this could have been significantly more serious and is being investigated as if it was a fatality.**

#### Immediate Actions

1. Always consider if the place required to observe the infrastructure, is a safe place to stand.
2. RRVs should travel at walking pace when in worksites. If a RRV is observed exceeding walking pace, then inform the site management and raise as a close call.
3. RRVs should always be under control of a machine controller when in a worksite. If there is no evidence of a machine controller, then inform site management and stop the job until this is rectified.
4. When a worksite passes through a station the risks change and the safe system of work should be updated.

An independent investigation has been established, involving contractors, Network Rail and the RMT

Refer to Safety Central for full briefing and information on Working with Machinery at:

[www.safety.networkrail.co.uk/Information-Centre/Lifesaving-Rules/Working-with-Machinery](http://www.safety.networkrail.co.uk/Information-Centre/Lifesaving-Rules/Working-with-Machinery)