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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

Use of Log Grabs to Move Rail

This bulletin is for the attention of;

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

Issue.

The photograph below depicts new rail being moved using log-grabs. Log-grabs and grapples are **NOT** to be used when lifting new or serviceable rail on Network Rail infrastructure. This activity has been prohibited for several years. Under certain conditions they are permitted to be used to move scrap rail.







Examples of Log Grabs

Action.

Details of how rail should be handled are set out in NR/L2/RMVP/0200/P005:

Handling new or serviceable rail with road-rail excavator cranes in rail mode (including thimbling) (formerly NR/L2/RMVP/0205)

• Please make sure all staff involved in the planning, supervision and installation of rail are clear on the handling requirements

Network Rail and its contractors could face enforcement action for failing to comply with these requirements

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