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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

Rail Wagon Load Securing Straps

For the attention of all employees involved in the Loading of Wagons in Infrastructure Projects, Network Operations, Asset Management, National Delivery Service, Principle Contractors and Contractors

Background:

A recent incident involving loose wagon straps on a rail wagon resulted in injury to members of the public at a platform station.

Immediate Action Required by all persons affected:

Under no circumstances may load securing straps be left loose on the wagon bed.

Straps are to be secured either across the bed of the wagon or in an orderly manner in the wagon strap boxes if fitted.

Special attention must be observed to the longitudinal ratchet straps fitted to YQA Parr type wagons.

Please refer to Network Rail Infrastructure Loading Manual NR/L3/NDS/308 for further information.

