

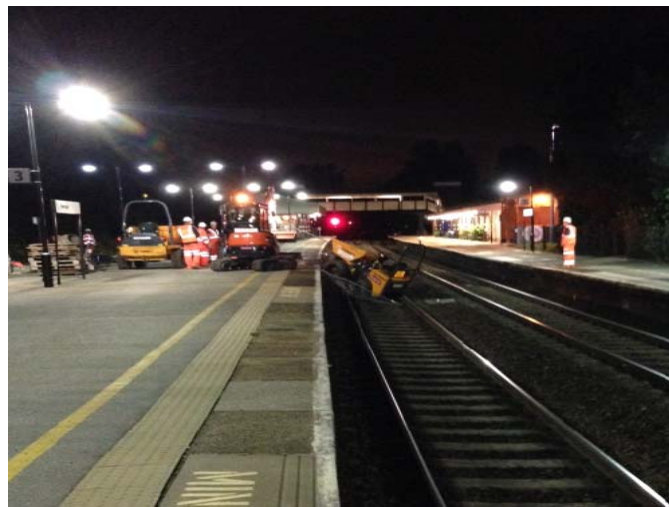
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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

A mini-dumper truck reversed off platform 2 at Dorridge station onto a line open to traffic

For the attention of: All Network Rail employees, contractors and sub-contractors



This photograph was taken during the recovery exercise

Background:

During platform works at Dorridge Station (resurfacing, platform drainage and resetting coping stones) a mini dumper was reversed through Heras fencing and fouled a line open to traffic. The driver of an approaching train was alerted and the train was brought to a stop. The dumper was removed, the line examined and service restored in a controlled and prompt manner.

The works were phased to keep the platforms in service and were being carried out on one side of an island platform. The line adjacent to the works was blocked. The line on the opposite side of the island was open to traffic.

An initial investigation by Network Rail has identified that the dumper was not being driven by the designated machine operator but by the banksman who did not have current competencies for operating the plant. A formal investigation is underway

Immediate Action:

All Network Rail employees, contractors and sub-contractors are reminded to **never** operate a piece of plant unless you hold the appropriate and current competencies.

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