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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

On Track Machine Fitter Receives Electric Shock from OLE

For the attention of: all staff involved in the maintenance and operation of rail vehicles in OLE areas.

Background:

On Tuesday 5 November 2013 at 08:41, a serious accident occurred to an on track machine fitter at Stafford Up Arrival Sidings on LNW. It is understood that the on track machine fitter climbed onto the roof of the on track machine and received an electric shock from the OLE.

It is reported that the fitter's injuries are not life threatening. An investigation into the accident has begun and further information will be communicated once investigations have been completed.



On track machine – rail grinder

Immediate Action Required by all persons affected:

Staff are reminded of the requirements of rule book GE/RT8000/HB16 – AC Electrified Lines, section 4.2:

You must never go above the cant rail or climb above the floor level of the driving cab, or climb on the roof or open upper deck of a vehicle, or on the steps giving access to the roof of any vehicle unless one of the following applies.

- You are on a line where there is no OLE above or adjacent to the vehicle.
- The OLE has been isolated and earthed as shown in Network Rail instructions and the COSS has been issued with an overhead line permit.
- The specific conditions in local instructions have been met.
- Local isolation is allowed and you are sure an isolation has been taken.

