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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

NR310 Extreme Weather Conditions

For the attention of: All railway industry staff.

We have all seen the recent extreme weather conditions, with the worst storms and flooding in recent memory causing damage across the country.

These extreme winter conditions bring with them extra risks to railway workers.

Action required:

Please take time to consider those risks and any special precautions you might need:

- **Flood or coastal water - Deep, fast flowing, hidden objects or holes?**
 - **Check the depth**
 - **Use buoyancy equipment**

- **Flood water - Health risks from contamination by sewage?**
 - **Wash exposed skin before eating, drinking or smoking**
 - **Cover cuts and broken skin**
 - **Use PPE, and regularly launder it**

- **High wind speeds – Could this force you into an unsafe position?**
 - **Check your safe system of work**

- **Flying debris and branches - Can you work safely?**
 - **Stand down if it is unsafe to work**

Remember, getting everyone home safe every day means we must always work safely, especially in extreme conditions. Never undertake a task unless you have the correct training and equipment. Keep checking for emerging risks.

Report close calls and if in doubt use the Worksafe Procedure.

Your health and safety is vital as we work to protect and restore the network.