

## Workforce fatality

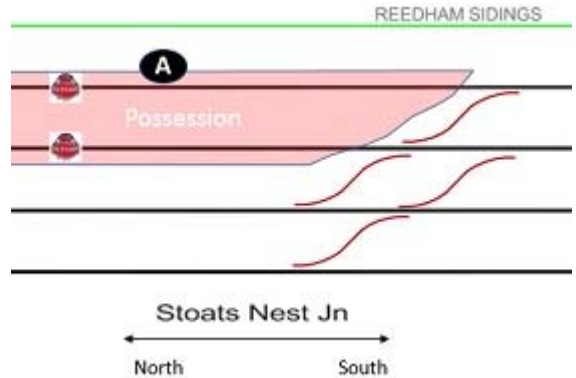
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**Location:** Stoats Nest Junction, SE Route

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## Overview

In the early hours of Tuesday 6th November, a member of the Southeast Route's possession delivery team was fatally struck by a train at Stoats Nest Junction, between Purley and Coulsdon. The colleague was carrying out Possessions Support duties.

The colleague arrived at the agreed access point as briefed (point A on the diagram), where he parked his vehicle. Signal protection was granted and he was given authority to access the track and place Possession Limit Boards and detonators. These were placed in the correct position.

After confirming that the Possession Limit Boards and detonators were in place, our colleague walked approximately 400m south, past the access/egress point and the possession protection onto an open line.

At 00:27hrs, a passenger train made a planned movement from the Down Fast on to the Down Slow where the tragic incident occurred.

## Discussion Points

While we are investigating the incident please discuss the following with your team:

- Are there situations where you need to go outside of your planned possession limits? If so, what do you need to do to keep yourself safe?
- Do you ever find yourself using anything other than the safest walking route available? What can you do to prevent this happening in the future?
- Is there anything that prevents you from always looking at the approaching train when acknowledging a warning and ensuring that you are in a position of safety?

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