

# Safety Bulletin

A serious incident has taken place



## Mobile elevating work platform (MEWP) collision

Issued to: **Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and RISQS registered contractors**

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## Overview

Whilst renewing Overhead Lines at around 11 am on 25/01/2020 two Skyrailer MEWPs collided.

One MEWP was travelling on the Down Road towards a second stationary MEWP also on the Down Road.

The Machine Operator in the travelling MEWP was unable to slow the machine on approach to the stationary MEWP leading to a collision.

Two Overhead Line Persons were stood in the stationary MEWP basket. On collision they were thrown within the basket. Both people were correctly clipped into the MEWP basket at the time of impact, and remained in the basket.

Both people were taken to hospital, one suffered bruising to the lower back and leg. They were released from hospital after receiving treatment. One is currently resting and recovering, while the other is back at work.

## Discussion Points

- Are the requirements of GERT8000-HB15 being followed on site when controlling and / or operating On Track Plant (OTP) on the Network Rail Managed Infrastructure?
- How do we manage the movement of OTP in a worksite as set out in clause 9.3 of NR/GN/RMVP/0200?
- Are Machine Controllers (MC) and Plant Operations Scheme (POS) Representatives carrying out their duties correctly and effectively?
- Is duplex communications equipment between the MC and Machine Operator (MO) being used to assist in the control of OTP?

Think RISK and "Take 5" before work commences and during the work. If there are changes to the planned OTP work these should be approved by the POS representative who must document any changes and ensure they are communicated and understood.