

Social Media

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Overview

You may be aware of a video circulating on social media of a group of track workers sitting in the cess very close to the running line as a train passes by at speed.

Network Rail is investigating the origins of the video and early indications suggest that this is historic.

It is essential that in all aspects of our work that people challenge unsafe behaviours at the time. Close call, CIRAS and the worksafe procedure may be used.

Historic videos of this nature being shared without context undermine the work that the industry has done and continues to do to improve trackworker safety.

Discussion Points

As a reminder to all staff that we must never allow ourselves to become complacent in either implementing or demonstrating safe procedures and behaviours:

- Managers, supervisors and planners, are you satisfied that the Safe Work Pack keeps the team safe and deals with hazards?
- Has the safe system of work been tested to show it is fit for purpose?
- Remember to always acknowledge train warnings.
- Make sure you know your position of safety, and move to it at least 10 seconds before a train passes.
- Always wear the correct PPE.
- Unless it is an emergency, staff should not be using their personal mobile devices whilst on or near the line.
- Feedback any issues or improvements of the safe work pack to the planner and responsible manager.
- Always watch out for your work group and help them comply with the above points.