

An important message about 019 Standard from Rob



everyone
home safe
every day

Hello everyone,

Last week in my first [safety message](#) to the region, I talked about wanting your feedback and suggestions of how we can all play a part in creating a safer Wales and Western. Speaking up when it comes to safety, is integral to this week's topic on assurance and the 019 Standard.

What is 019 Standard?

The 019 Standard provides the framework for planning and delivering work safely, so it is critical that everyone who is asked to go on, or near the line, is aware of it.

The purpose of the standard is to control the risks to our colleagues, examples include site risks, activity risks and train movements, through effective planning of work.



Rob Cairns,
Regional Managing Director

The key points for you to be aware of are:

- the importance of local planning – those who do the work are involved in planning the work
- there should be a clear person in charge of delivering work on site
- the planned work should be verified and authorised independently
- adequate risk assessments should always be carried out
- there should be a check of risks and controls at the point of work

- clear safety responsibilities and accountabilities should be identified
- all work needs to be consistent with the Rule Book GE/RT8000

What is assurance?

Assurance is having a conversation. Our track work force safety teams visit sites all over the region to discuss what we are doing currently; what we need to do differently and how they can support you to make sure we are working to the 019 Standard.

Examples of how these conversations have helped improve safety on work sites include improving the technology and equipment teams are using, safe cress pathways, and new and improved access points.

Whilst the team are on site they will check the planned safe system of work in Railhub to ensure it is up to date and accurate, and they will sit with the planners to ensure they have everything they need for planned work to be compliant.

Our current assurance data is telling us that although the majority of our planned methods of working are being utilised, there is a percentage that are being upgraded and changed. This means we aren't getting the right plan, first time and when the safe system of work isn't accurate, **we are putting our colleague's lives at risk.**

My ask is that you familiarise yourself with the key points of the 019 standard and ask of yourself, your teams, and your leaders, are we compliant? Are we planning our work safely and accurately? When you receive a site visit from your route track work force safety team, please have an assurance conversation and find out how they can support you to do your job safely.

If you have specific 019 Standard concerns, the details for your route track worker safety teams are below.

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It is all of our responsibility to ensure everyone is home safe every day and I need you to play your part.

Stay safe,

Rob Cairns

Regional Managing Director

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