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## Our Safety Vision:

Our vision of “preventing harm to all” is at the centre of our Safety Strategy and is synonymous with our commitment to resourcing and working safely.

We believe that our vision can be achieved if we all develop a safe mind-set, plan our tasks correctly and actively seek ways to prevent incidents. We also believe that behaving in a safe way will also lead to zero accidents. We have devised a set of rules that underpins our vision and are consistent with our mantra.

**Think safe, act safe and be safe!**

## Important News

Hello Everyone,

I am sending this email because there was a railway worker killed out on track last week on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.

The worker was not working for R.S.L.

There are two reports pasted below, and I have attached a copy of the Network Rail safety Alert.

This accident is currently under investigation.

Stay safe,

Joe

**BBC report -** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-northamptonshire-52233810>

### **I.T.V. report**

The authorities said the incident happened on the West Coast Mainline close to the village of Ashton shortly before 11am on Wednesday.

Evidence is now being gathered to decide if a full investigation will take place.

Aden Ashurst, who was in his 50s, was employed by engineering firm AmcoGiffen and was carrying out work for Network Rail when the accident happened.

An online message from his family seen by Wigan Today said: "We are, as a family, devastated and in shock."

James Dean, Network Rail's West Coast Mainline South route director, said: "It is with great sadness I can confirm that a railway employee died yesterday after being struck by a train.

"The tragedy took place just before 11am near Roade on a southbound line between Northampton and London Euston.

"Our thoughts and sympathies are with his family and loved ones at this time."

The man was struck by a passenger train operated by London Northwestern Railway. The West Coast Mainline was blocked for around an hour.

A British Transport Police spokesman said officers and paramedics attended and the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

He went on: "Officers remain at the scene today to establish the full circumstances behind the incident and are working alongside the Government's Office of Rail and Road (ORR)."

A spokesperson for the Rail Accident Investigation Branch said: "'Yesterday, a team of inspectors attended the scene of a fatal accident involving a track worker at Ashton near Northampton to start gathering evidence. Our evidence gathering is ongoing."

AmcoGiffen said in a statement it was working with the authorities to "understand the circumstances which led to this tragic event".

It added: "Our immediate thoughts are with the family and friends of our colleague who has lost his life in the conduct of delivering essential rail services."

# Safety Alert

A serious incident has taken place



## Track worker fatality

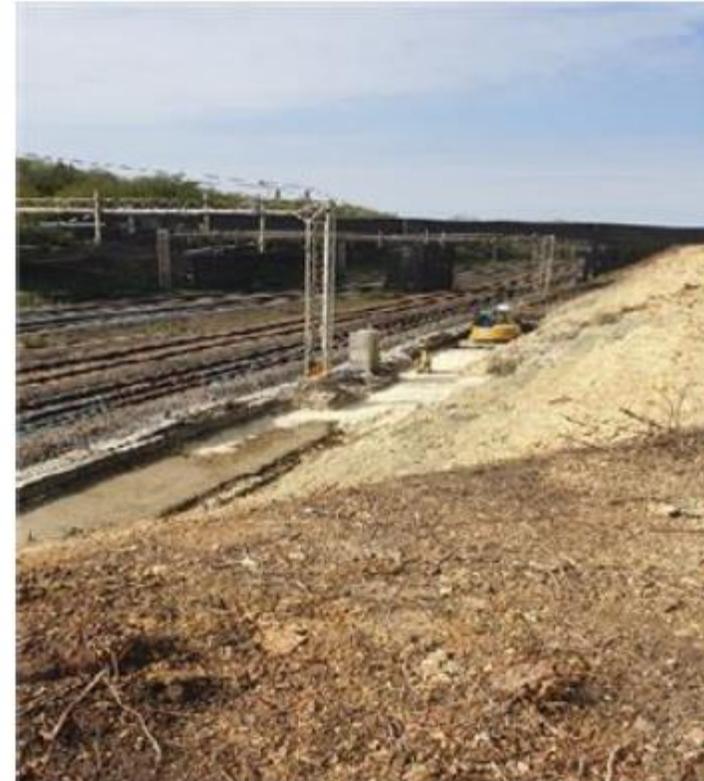
Scope: **All Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and accredited contractors**

Ref: NRX20-03

Date: 09/04/2020

Location: **Road, Northamptonshire - West Coast Mainline South, NW&C**

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## Overview

It is with great sadness that we report the death of a railway worker yesterday at Roade, near Hanslope Junction in North West & Central Region. The worker was a Controller of Site Safety (COSS) employed by a contractor. The work was to reinforce a cutting slope beside the Up Slow line and had started in February. There was a rigid barrier between the worksite and the adjacent Up Slow line. The work involved using an excavator that would come within the safe distance of the return conductor in the overhead line equipment.

To enable the excavator to work safely, an isolation of the return conductor was taken. Installing the earths for that isolation was done in a line blockage. The COSS had handed back the line blockage shortly before he was struck by a passenger train on the Up Slow line. He was killed instantly. External investigations by British Transport Police, the Rail Accident Investigation Branch and the Office of Rail and Road, and a formal industry investigation have started. We are supporting colleagues from Network Rail and the contractor companies involved.

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**<https://safety.networkrail.co.uk/tools-resources/safety-bulletins/>**

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