

This bulletin is for the attention of;

All staff and contractors who hold an NCCA card working for investment projects, Asset Management, National Delivery Service and Network Operations including Infrastructure Maintenance.

Background:

On 2nd February 2012, an experienced team comprising of a Section Manager (acting as the COSS), a Supervisor & Lookout were undertaking trackside inspections at North Kent East Junction between

London Bridge and New Cross.

The team accessing the site through Bricklayers Arms access point and carried out an inspection on the

4 down line, directly adjacent to the cess.

Once the inspection was completed the Section Manager & Supervisor moved into the cess and were looking at a clipboard, with the Lookout in the cess very close to group.

It is believed that the Lookout's bag (possibly the wooden flag poles) was struck from behind by a train, causing the lookout to be pushed to the ground in the cess.

He got up straight away and confirmed that he was alright, receiving a small laceration to one of his fingers.



Action Required:

The incident is currently subject to investigation.

In advance of the investigation findings, please ensure that when on or near the line;

- A safe system of work is maintained at all times
- Lookout(s) remain in appointed positions
- Lookout(s) are not distracted and remain vigilant at all times

Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

HGV DRIVER FATALLY CRUSHED BY RUNAWAY VEHICLE

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Investment Projects; Asset Management; NDS; Network Operations;
Contractors

Background:

On 15th January a lorry driver from Tone Scaffolding was fatally injured while in the process of collecting scaffolding at Reading. It is currently understood that the lorry driver had arrived on site at approx 23:30hrs and that he had reversed his vehicle in order to auto couple his lorry to the trailer. He then got out of the driving cab to prepare the trailer and as he released the trailer parking brake, the vehicle began to run away. He subsequently ran after it and attempted to gain access to the driving cab. As he did so the vehicle mounted the curb and he was crushed between the wall of an adjacent building and the vehicle. The vehicle continued to run away, going through a barrier and coming to rest when it collided with a large skip placed in the access road. The lorry driver's body was found at the point of impact.



Causation

Although the investigation is on-going it is understood that the collection area was situated on a slight incline. When the driver exited the cab he did not engage the tractor unit parking brake.

This meant that when the trailer parking brake was released the vehicle was able to run away.

Action Required

Drivers of all goods vehicles are reminded that when they leave the driving cab they must:

- Apply the parking brake
- Stop the engine and remove the keys

Additional guidance is given in the Health and Safety Executive and the Institute of Road Transport Engineers' *Code of Practice for the Coupling or Uncoupling and Parking of Large*

Goods Vehicles and Trailers. All contractors and sub-contractors involved in undertaking, supervising and managing such operations should be aware of the contents of this guidance:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/workplacetransport/information/coupling.htm>