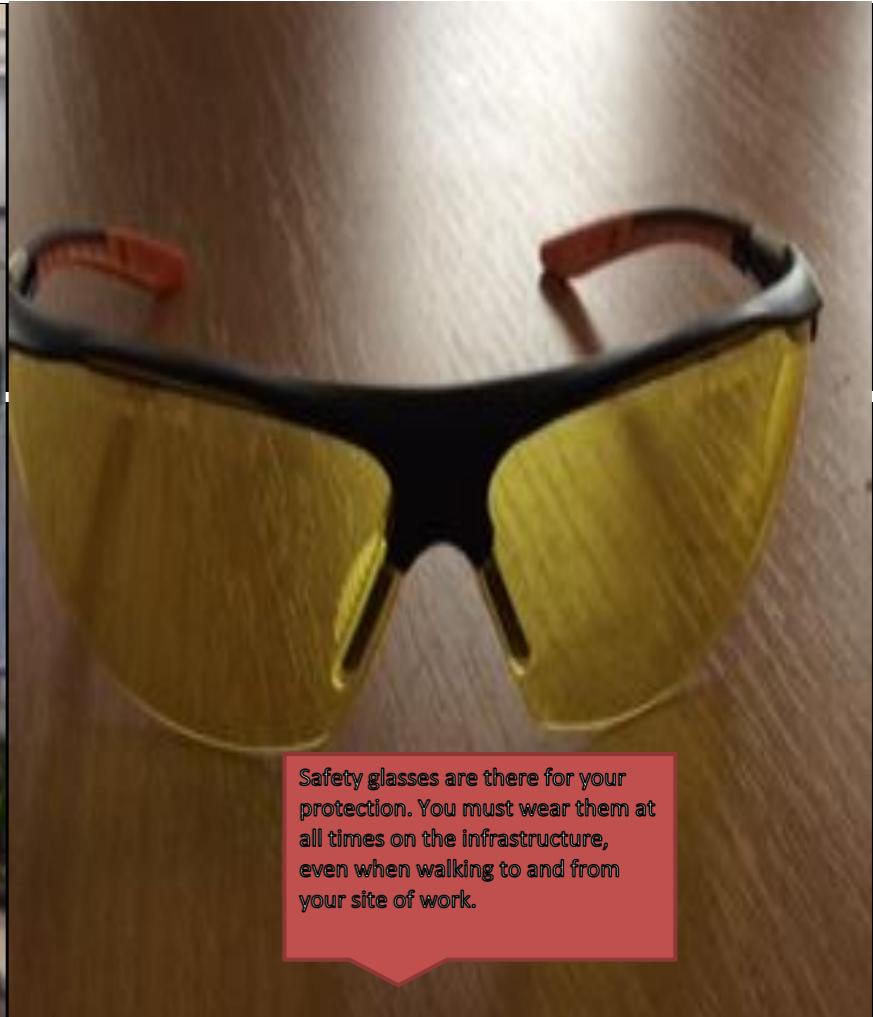


**Network Rail  
Maintenance**  
**Staff Incident - Member of Staff  
Hit Above Eye by a Hookswitch  
Pole**

**Incident Details**

**Date:** 11/11/2015  
**Time:** 04:45  
**Location:** Waterloo  
**Task:** Opening hookswitch  
**Employee:** NR Clapham maintenance  
**Equipment Involved:** Hookswitch pole  
**Injuries Sustained:** Minor injury to underneath  
eyebrow/graze  
**Incident Classification:** No loss time



**Immediate and Underlying Causes**

**Immediate Cause:**  
**Member of Staff hit above eye by  
hookswitch pole**

**Underlying Causes:**  
**Staff walking too close to each other**  
**Hookswitch pole carried at shoulder  
height**  
**Eye protection not worn**

Although there was no major injury reported in this incident, the staff member concerned was extremely fortunate that he was only grazed below the eyebrow and did not suffer life changing injuries

-2 members of staff walking to site to operate a hookswitch  
-Member of staff carrying hookswitch pole turns around  
-Hookswitch pole strikes IP underneath right eyebrow, but above the eye  
-First aid given and IP does not require Hospital treatment or time off  
- Eye protection not being worn

