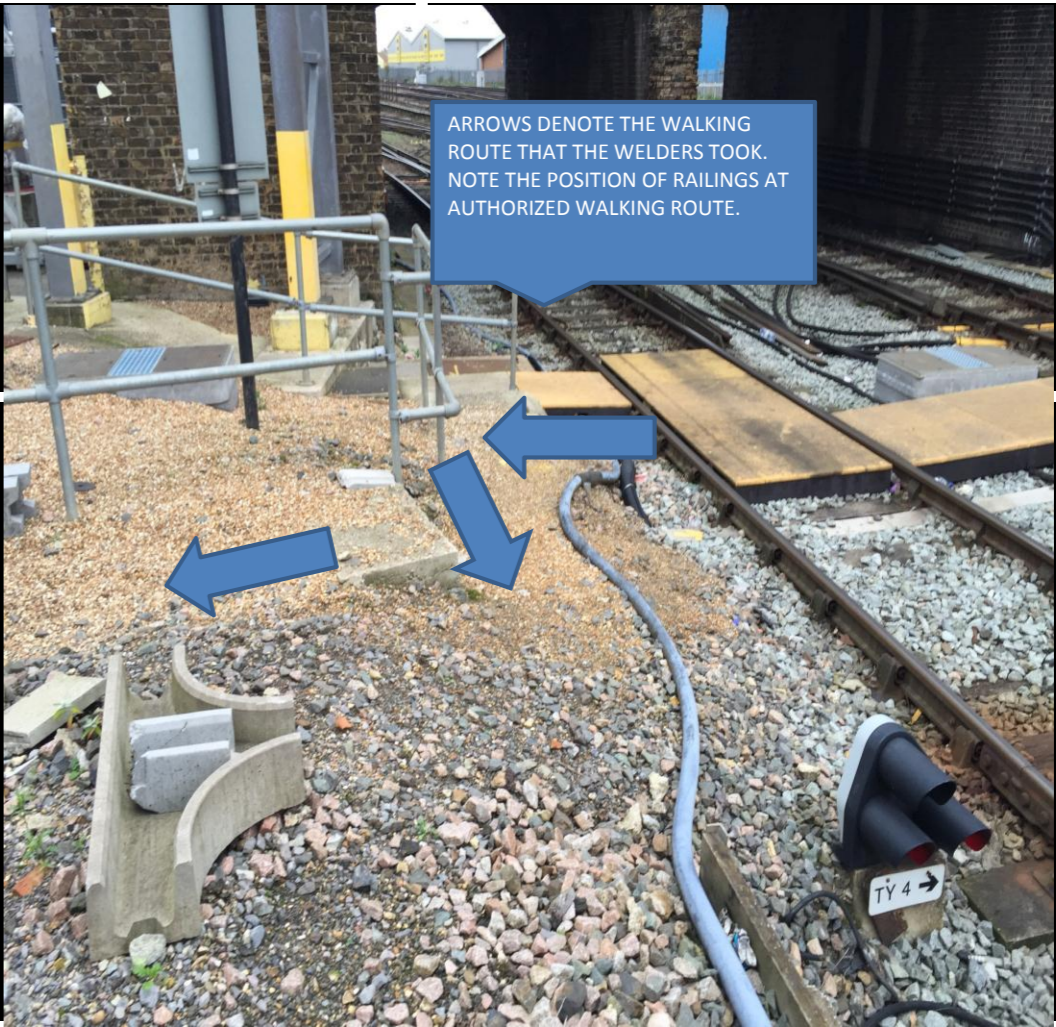


Network Rail  
Operations  
Staff accident - Manual Handling  
Incident - 29th November 2015

Incident Details

**Date:** Sunday 29th November 2015  
**Time:** 04:30 am  
**Location:** Durnsford Rd Staff Halt access  
**Task:** Rail grinding  
**Employee:** Welding team, Wimbledon  
**Equipment Involved:** Half Trolley  
**Injuries Sustained:** Strain/sprain in back  
**Incident Classification:** Resulted in time away from work



Immediate and Underlying Causes

**Immediate Cause:**  
Strained back removing equipment from track

**Underlying Causes:**  
Having to turn/twist to remove equipment from track.  
Not using/being unable to use access provided.

As a result of the accident, the injured person spent time away from work.

- Completed work and was removing equipment from the track.
- 2 man lift to remove equipment from track and place back in van
- injury occurred as welder twisted to manoeuvre equipment past railings alongside the walking route.
- Felt a strain/sprain in welders back
- No hospital treatment required, welder failed to report accident at first and notified manager 2 days later regarding the accident.



**Next Steps:**  
- Welding manager and WHSEA to review as to whether or not the access is suitable for equipment loading/unloading.  
- All staff to be briefed(briefing notice) regarding the importance of calling in accidents as soon as they take place.

