

Home Safe

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Everyone Home Safe Every Day

Company fined for death of Scott Dobson



Carillion Construction Ltd has been fined £200,000 and ordered to pay costs of £36,570.39 following a prosecution brought by the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) for breaching health and safety laws which led to the death of a railway worker.

On 4 December 2012, Scott Dobson was acting as COSS at Saxilby, when he was struck by a passing train. Scott was involved in work taking place on one of the two tracks which were closed to rail traffic. The accident investigation found that he had stepped back onto the open line and into the path of a train as it passed the site of work.

The ORR found a number of failings in Carillion's planning and management of the work. Only one of the two railway lines had been blocked while maintenance was being carried out.

As a result of this tragic accident Southern Shield was established as the Southern Region collaborative safety forum. This forum examines processes, plant, design and culture with the aim of eliminating accidents and incidents, to get everyone home safe every day.

You can read the [full article here](#). The accident report is also available on the [RAIB website](#).

Fall down a man hole



An operative was accessing Purley Substation compound when he walked slightly off path, stepping into what he thought was a puddle. However, it turned out to be a manhole with a missing cover, approximately one meter deep filled with water. The operative suffered a scrape to his shin, but the incident had the potential to be much more serious.

Lessons learnt...

Unsafe isolation

A potentially unsafe condition was created between two parties working in a worksite at Bramdean Sub Station who were unaware of each others requirements for section proving. It was possible that the conductor could have been energised without the other party knowing. The incident is currently under investigation.

Remember.

It is vital all parties attend the White Board meeting for all planned works.

Safety update: Iron Man tie bar failure

Following an investigation into the failure of an Iron Man in December, it has been determined that the issues surrounding the failure are only associated with the manufacture of a particular batch.

You can find [more information here](#).



Working with wet concrete

A toolbox talk has been created on working with wet concrete.

You can find a copy of the [toolbox talk here](#).

Lessons learnt...

Always walk on designated walkways where possible and Close Call in any hazards.

Are your walkways safe?

During the dismantling of the scaffold at Six Arch Viaduct, one of the scaffolders carrying a scaffold tube slipped whilst walking across a board walkway onto the pontoon. As a result, he fell backwards and hit his head on the tube.



In a separate incident, an operative slipped on the central walkway at the River Avon site and fell on his side. He suffered strained abdominal muscles. The lighting over the bridge was fixed just above head height which affected visibility along the viaduct in the dark and wet conditions.

Lessons learnt...

- Is the walkway adequately fixed down?
- Is the surface of the walkway safe?
- Does the walkway have a handrail and does this provide suitable restraint/containment?
- Is the walkway adequately lit?

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[the toolbox talk here.](#)



Pedestrian injured

A manager was driving back after completing a shift when a 15 year old boy wearing ear phones ran out from behind a bus. He was thrown onto the windscreen and roof of the vehicle. The police attended and determined that the driver had not been drinking and was adhering to the speed limit.

Remember...

When driving, always expect the unexpected.

Never work or drive when under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Always obey the speed limit and wear a seatbelt.