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The Southern Region's Weekly Safety Update

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Are your eyes protected?

An operative working at Queenstown Road suffered dust blown in to his eye due to windy conditions on site. First aid was given and he was able to return to work. The operative was wearing safety glasses at the time of the incident.



Think...

Is your PPE fit for purpose and suitable for the task and weather conditions?

Operational Close Call at Dover



While running an engineering test train between Folkestone East and Abbots Cliff Tunnel at Dover Sea Wall, the Engineering Supervisor (ES) noticed there was some movement at the Dover end of Abbots Cliff Tunnel.

The ES identified that a trolley packed with tower scaffolding was fouling the gauge between the Up Line and the Down Line. The project manager and ES approached the workgroup and advised that they would need to remove the trolley, before standing the group down. The incident is currently under investigation.

Working at height reminder

A contractor working at Camberley Station was observed unloading site cabins from the back of lorry without edge protection. The individual was re-briefed on the working at height procedure that is mandated across IP Southern as part of the Southern Shield Charter.



Picture of a typical incident.

The Charter states that methods for working at height will be selected according to the hierarchy of methods.

You can find a copy of the hierarchy of methods on the [Southern Shield website](#).

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Southern Shield Charter update

The Southern Shield Charter has been updated following its annual review. The charter is mandatory in IP Southern from 1 September 2016.

Major changes to the Charter include an update to the Track Access Protocol which is also mandatory from 1 September 2016. The Protocol can be found as item 4.8 and Appendix A of the attached Charter.

A further summary of changes to the Charter can be [found here](#). You can find the full [Charter on the Southern Shield website](#).

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Spills: Close Call or not?

During works at London Waterloo Relay Compound, a scaffolder knocked over a 25 litre tin of oil left on site by another team. The incident was initially reported as a Close Call, but was later reported as an environmental incident.

Spill kit absorbent pads were used to soak up the spill and prevent ground contamination. The pads have since been removed and bagged up as hazardous waste, storing them in a separate location to prevent removal with general waste.



In another incident at Queenstown Road, whilst carrying plant equipment and tools across the station to the site access point, approximately seven square inches of petrol fluid spilt onto the platform. It is suspected this occurred due to a jerry can lid not being tightly secured.

Remember...

A Close Call is an event that has the *potential* to cause injury or damage. Always report spills as an environmental incident.

Cut arm could have been avoided

An operative at Stewarts Lane Depot was undertaking removal of existing roof cladding, comprising of Georgian wired glass. Georgian style glazing of this age has protruding wires from the edges of the panels.

As the individual was placing the panel on a pallet he caught his arm on the side of the glass panel. A protruding wire pierced through his overall sleeve and caused minor cut to his forearm. First aid was administered on site and the operative returned to work.

The individual was working with glazing gloves and arm protection to Cut 5 standard, as well as wearing fully covered arm overalls. However, it is thought the arm protect may have been removed at the time of the accident because of the high temperatures. The incident is under investigation



Remember...

Minimum PPE for the task must be worn in all weather conditions; unless a risk assessment has identified that it is safe to remove it.

You can find a guide to PPE in the Southern region on the [Southern Shield website](#).

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Other incidents

London Waterloo Relay

Compound – An operative was carrying small pieces of wood when he advised that he had a slight muscular pain in the left arm. Works were stopped and first aid was administered. He was advised that he had 'cramp' and to rest for 30 minutes.

Reporting this incident demonstrated the teams positive attitude towards safety.

Another member of the team sustained a graze to his arm whilst carrying out the activity. First aid was administered and the wound was cleaned and dressed.

Think...

Should you be wearing long sleeves to ensure better protection?

An operative strained his back when lifting troughing. He was sent back to his lodgings but returned to work the next day. The lift was designed as a two person lift. An investigation is underway.

Redhill – An operative was installing a cable into an Under Track Crossing (UTX) pit when he caught his finger and dislocated it. The individual managed to put finger back in place and had good mobility, so did not require any further first aid. The accident is under investigation.

Dover sea wall - Operational Close Call - A construction manager observed an unattended track trolley left in a worksite. The incident is under investigation.

Queenstown Road - Two subcontractors were stung by wasps having uncovered a nest on site whilst undertaking piling works.