



Infrastructure Projects Southern

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The Southern Region's Weekly Safety Update

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Site Security

An attempted break in was reported at the Reading 10 Car Ascot site office. Nothing was stolen but a window was smashed and some office equipment was damaged.

Remember...the school Easter holidays are approaching and we need to make sure our sites are secure.

A Southern Shield toolbox talk giving advice on [site security techniques](#) is available on the Southern Shield website.



Close Call at Chertsey

A Close Call was raised after an intoxicated member of the public was seen walking onto the tracks at the Chertsey Level crossing. A railway worker spotted the man walking down the track and contacted the COSS who called the Feltham Signal Box.

When approached, the member of the public was sitting on the running rail; he was eventually coaxed off the track. The British Transport Police were called but arrived after the member of the public had walked off.

Are your teams briefed on how to deal with members of the public who are on our infrastructure?

Do you practise your safety drills?

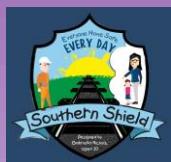
A number of the Southern Shield principal contractors have been embracing a culture of safety and practicing what to do should the worst happen. Safety drills can involve using equipment like a dummy to replicates what were to happen if a person fell from the scaffold. BAM



Nuttall regularly undertakes this scenario at their Stewarts Lane Depot site.

Costain have started to stage incidents. Recently at their [River Stour](#) site a drill involved an operative becoming unconscious after being overcome by toxic fumes. The site team practiced taking him down off the scaffolding and into a safe place.

In another drill, Osborne worked in collaboration with their suppliers, the Ambulance Trust and Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue to practice a scenario of rescuing a worker trapped in the [Gade Valley Viaduct](#).



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Anti-crush Cut 5

Workers at the Emmbrook site have installed in excess of 1000 linear meters of concrete troughs. They have been wearing anti-crush cut 5 gloves and as a result there has been no reported finger/hand injuries during the works.



ETE Stray incident

[Lessons learned](#) have been published after a negative bond lug N29 burnt out at Waterloo International Terminal. Some of the key lessons included those around the scaffolding and the track being intsalled without nylons and pads due to unavailability.

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Lime Street retaining wall

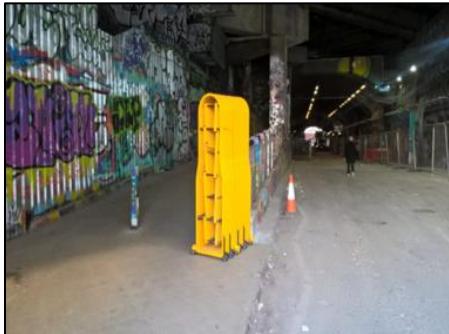
On 28 February the retaining wall at the top of Liverpool Lime Street cutting collapsed. This resulted in debris failing onto the railway below and obstructing all four lines of the lines into and out of the station. As a result the train service out of Liverpool Lime Street was suspended for over one week. A [Network Rail safety bulletin](#) provides further discussion points about what factors led to the retaining wall to collapsing.



Footpath closure put pedestrians at risk

A member of the public was injured after falling over on a ramp north of Tulse Hill Station. Traffic Management was in place and whilst works were taking place a passing motorists alerted the site foreman that he discovered an elderly lady on the ground near a pedestrian access ramp. The foreman provided first aid to scrapes sustained to her lower leg. Another passing member of the public called an ambulance.

In another incident, pedestrians were put in harm's way after a footpath closure in Waterloo. The closure had been put in place to allow for the clearance of a removed escalator structure. The closure had re-routed the pedestrians into a road and into another contractors work site. There was no obvious pedestrian route or diversion in place.



Think...does your task briefing take into account all safety risks that may be related to the task including to members of the public?

A tidy site is a safe site



An operative suffered a cut to his foot after coping stones were being removed from a platform. The debris was being placed onto the platform and a sharp piece of metal pierced the operative's boots causing a minor cut to his foot. First aid was given to the operative. Following the incident the area was cleared of debris and barriers were put up to highlight hazardous areas.

Lesson learned...always use a safe walking routes to site and remain vigilant when accessing and egressing site.

Remember...the [Seven Signs of a Tidy Site](#). Always ensure that sites are tidy and any hazards are removed.

In other news

Positive D&A

At Maidstone an operative tested positive for cocaine after an unannounced drug and alcohol test. As a Sentinel card holder a further sample was taken. The results are currently unknown. In another incident at Tonbridge two operatives undertaking the on-boarding procedure failed a drug and alcohol test. One tested positive for cocaine and another test reveals that the operative exceeded Network Rail's alcohol limit. Both incidents are currently under investigation.

Remember our Lifesaving Rule... Never work or drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Supervisor convicted after pedestrians death

A site supervisor on a construction site has been convicted of gross negligence manslaughter after a woman was killed when unsecured window frames fell on her. The full story can be found [here](#).

Accident Investigations

Investigations and findings are now available following incidents which have taken place in and around the southern region. Findings from:

- [The Charter train derailment near Southampton](#)
- [Near miss with a pedestrian at Trinity Lane](#)
- [Near miss at Surbiton](#).

All of these reports are available by clicking the links