

SCRAP RAIL, SHORT LENGTHS (THE VANDALISM RISK).



The above sections of scrap rail are 12cms (4.8inches) and 16cms (6.4 inches) long, respectively.

Cast your mind back to the last major incident which resulted in a train derailment, Inverkeilor, Scotland, 4th November 2012



As the Edinburgh to Aberdeen train passed over the trailing points from the down sidings at close to the line speed of 80 mph, the left-hand front wheel struck a 60cm section of rail that had been deliberately placed on the track by trespassers as an obstruction in the crossing. This resulted in the front of the train rising up, with the leading bogie derailing into the six-foot.

Other notable incidents involving lineside rail

- St Albans 19th May 2013, driver reported contact with rail left in the 6ft
- Hendon 7th May 2013; driver reported sighting rail that had been struck by another train on the Down Fast
 - Bedford 10th July 2013; train lost part of its shoe gear after reporting a catch pit lid flipping up and taking it off on the Up Slow line whilst travelling in down direction on approach to WH467 signal. CWR located on both sides of Up Slow line had evidence of being struck
- Luton North Junction 14th July 2013; A train had its collector shoe struck and damaged when it came into contact with new CWR rail which had been dropped in the 6ft of the Up fast line. The collector shoe struck signalling equipment, causing damage to the track feed units, resulting in significant damage and delays
- St Albans 4th March 2014; a First Capital Connect train had its 3rd Rail Shoes damaged by a length of CWR that had been dropped the preceding night, the rail had been dropped to a slightly different position than originally planned.

Additionally, unmanaged scrap and waste material is a significant contributor to slip, trip and fall events, which can hurt our workers.

Many accidents are caused or aggravated by untidy conditions on site. There is duty for all of us to keep our workplace safe and in good order.

Good housekeeping is essential in running a safe railway.

To remove the risk of vandalism, we are asking YOU to locate, log and if safe to do so, REMOVE small (anything up to 30cm) pieces of scrap rail away from the track.

If you encounter small pieces of rail that you cannot remove, but could pose a risk (either from vandalism or as a slip, trip and fall hazard), report it for future removal.

LOCATE IT, REPORT IT, REMOVE IT.

