

IMDM INNER  
Title: Late Reported foot injury

## Incident

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, a member of Guildford P-Way was assisting in the removal of Synhurst foot crossing as part of an annual inspection into possible rail degradation under the crossing.

Once the inspection was completed the strail panels were being refitted. A strail lifting bar slipped out of the hands of a member of the Off-Track team, who had been supporting the works and it dropped onto the Guildford P-Way member of staff's foot.

The member of staff suffered pain to his foot but was not initially aware of the severity of the injury and did not report it through the correct channels.

The Section Manager was only informed about the accident occurring when the IP reported that they would not be able to attend work the following day.

The IP suffered bruising and swelling to his left foot and as a result of the injury had two days off work.



## Learning lessons:

**The reporting of accidents, no matter how insignificant you believe them to be, must take place. It is for your benefit.**

**Additionally:**

- **THINK; Could the 'minor' injury become more serious over time?**
- **Could your reporting of an accident/incident prevent a similar event occurring to someone else in the future?**