

Safety Bulletin

A Serious Accident has occurred



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Reference: Ankle injury

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Location: Yeovil, WEY line 137m40ch, Wessex Route

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Overview

On Friday 26th June 2020, a member of staff was carrying out re-padding on the Yeovil Wey Line (WEY). The task involved removal of rusty Pandrol Clips, that were difficult to unkey, over the length of 10 chains. The method employed was to strike the seized, frozen clips with an unkeying hammer.

This was an arduous task and the same individual was employed to carry out the activity continuously for a prolonged period of time.

Whilst in the process of striking one of the seized clips, the hammer glanced off the web of the rail and struck the individual on his left ankle.

The IP sought medical advice and it was confirmed that he sustained soft tissue damage. A protective medical boot was fitted to promote the healing process and the IP was advised to rest for 7 days.

Discussion Points:

Whilst the incident is being investigated, please discuss with your teams;

- The management of physical and mental fatigue during arduous and repetitive tasks;
- Alternative methods to remove seized or difficult fastenings including the use of penetration oil;
- Please refer to the following Task Risk Control sheets for more information regarding the safe removal of frozen Pandrol Clips and unkeying rails using a hammer;
 - [NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/TK49](#) Remove Frozen Pandrol Clips.
 - [NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/TK65](#) Unkeying Rails using a Hammer.

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