

Safety Bulletin

A dangerous incident has occurred



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Reference: Dangerous Incident

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Overview

In the early hours of the 11th of June 2020, Wimbledon Station staff alerted staff from Wimbledon P-Way to one of their vehicles (the flatbed shown above) being on fire.

The team had parked number of rail vehicles in the vicinity of Wimbledon Station for works taking place at the London end of the station on BML1. Tools and equipment were unloaded from the vehicles and taken to site, excluding a fuel can left behind on the back of the flatbed.

It has not been possible to determine how the fire began, nevertheless, the consequences could have been far more serious.

When the Team Leader attempted to report the incident to the Metropolitan Police/Local Constabulary, he was incorrectly advised to contact the BTP.

Discussion Points:

- As per the NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/GA04 no fuel should be left within the reach of the general public.
- Awareness of any particular vandalism hotspots and our access gates in these areas and where we park our vehicles.
- Awareness of the correct reporting channels:
 - The British Transport Police (BTP) have 'all powers and privileges of a constable' in relation to anything occurring on or in relation to a railway.
 - As this incident occurred away from railway property (public highway), it should have been under the Jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Police.

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