

# June 2026 ACS Rail Updates

Welcome to the **June 2026** edition of ACS Rail updates.

The following pages contain summaries of updates which may be relevant to you. Please brief and distribute this information to the relevant people as per your internal procedures.

The ACS Team

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**BRIEFING REQUIREMENTS:**

**NOTE:** Contractors are responsible for arranging and undertaking and recording their own Safety and Awareness Briefings in accordance with their own processes and procedures.

## Bridgeway Training Services

### What You Need to Know

Bridgeway Consulting are specialists in the delivery of high-quality training and competency-based assessments across a broad range of disciplines, including rail safety, first aid, and skills development. With extensive industry experience, we support organisations in maintaining compliance, enhancing workforce capability, and driving continuous improvement through tailored solutions aligned to both industry standards and client needs.

As part of your ACS Membership, you are entitled to a 10% discount on our services.

Please find the attached pricing for your reference. Should you wish to proceed with a booking or discuss your requirements further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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**Bridgeway Training is a recognised market leader in rail training and competence assessments across the UK rail industry. Our mission is to:**

- **Deliver high-quality, client-valued training and assessments that empower learners and support industry excellence.**
- **Invest in people, recognising that workforce development is the cornerstone of a safer, more reliable, and efficient railway.**

**We are proud to be accredited by the National Skills Academy for Rail and hold the prestigious GOLD Standard Provider status.**

**Flexible Delivery Options for Training and assessments are available: Days, Nights, Weekends, and Bank Holidays, at the following locations:**

- **Nottingham**
- **Regional Office – Watford**
- **Client premises (nationwide)**

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## 2026 Course Rates prices exclude VAT

### Bridgeway Delegate Course Rates (Rates Inclusive of Fees & Cost of Registering Learners)

Course	Type	Days	Delegate Rate
Personal Track Safety AC	Initial	1	£221.00
Personal Track Safety DCCR	Initial	1	£221.00
Personal Track Safety AC/ DCCR	Recertification	1	£221.00
Site Warden	Initial & Recertification	1	£221.00
IWA	Initial	4	£878.00
IWA	Recertification	2	£443.00
COSS OLP/CRP & DCCR	Initial	8	£1,770.00
COSS OLP/CRP & DCCR	Recertification	5	£1,106.00
Protection Controller	Initial	1	£267.00
Engineering Supervisor	Initial	2	£533.00
Engineering Supervisor	Recertification	1	£267.00
Safe System of Work Planner	Initial	4	£1,066.00
Safe Use of Trolley Equipment	Initial & Recertification	1	£221.00
First Aid At Work	Initial	3	£250.00
First Aid At Work	Recertification	2	£199.00
Emergency First Aid	Initial & Recertification	1	£150.00
Manual Handling	Initial & Recertification	½	£150.00

### Workplace Assessments

Competence	Weekday (Day or Night)	Weekend
IWA, COSS, ES, PICOP, SPICOP	£900.00	£1,044.00

### Day Rates & Travel

Sentinel Trainer Day Rate	£900.00
Permanent Way Trainer Day Rate	£1250.00
Trainer Travel Day Rate	£450.00
Trainer Expenses Mileage	£230.00 Per Night £0.75 Per Mile

## Bridgeway Delegate Course Rates (Rates Inclusive of Fees & Cost of Registering Learners)

First Aid	Type	Days	Delegate Rate
Emergency First Aid at Work	Initial / Recertification	1	£160.00
First Aid at Work	Initial	3	£350.00
First Aid at Work	Recertification	2	£300.00
Annual Refresher for First Aiders	Refresher	½	£120.00
Appointed Person	Initial	2 hours	£120.00
First Aid for Mental Health	Initial	1	£160.00
First Aid for Mental Health Awareness	Initial	½	£120.00
First Aid for Mental Health Annual refresher	Refresher	½	£120.00
Health and Safety	Type	Days	Delegate Rate
Fire Marshall	Initial	½	£120.00
Fire Safety	Initial	1	£160.00
Fire Safety Awareness	Initial	½	£120.00
Health & Safety in the Workplace Level 1	Initial	½	£120.00
Health & Safety in the Workplace Level 2	Initial	1	£160.00
Health & safety in the Workplace Level 3	Initial	3	£350.00
Manual Handling	Initial	½	£120.00

## Skills Training Development 3 Modules Per Day – Price on Application

Mentoring	NLP Techniques	Managing Change	Improvement Plans
Team Dynamics	Influence	Probationary Process	Disciplinary
Presentation Skills	Assertiveness	Managing Performance	Neurodiversity
Emotional Intelligence	Management Styles	Coaching Conversations	Time Management
Delivering Effective Feedback	Active Listening	Stress Management	How to Motivate People
Managing Conflict		Handling Difficult Conversations	

## Free Access to Network Rail Standards

# Register for free access

Network Rail's extensive catalogue of standards and controls documentation is now available via the Network Rail Standards Portal

<https://standardse-networkrail.msapproxy.net/>

New users, please register for access to the Network Rail Standards Portal by [completing this registration form](#), so that your new log in account can be set up.

**Please ensure that you use your individual company email address, and not a generic email address.**

If you have any queries re the registration form or the Network Rail Standards portal, please email: [STSupplierSupport@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:STSupplierSupport@networkrail.co.uk)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

As a consequence of Network Rail's IT security policy, **users accounts will be automatically deleted following 90 days of inactivity.**

In this instance you will be **required to re-register for a new account.**



## New Standards website

coming in June 2026

### 28 May 2026 | Sent to Network Rail Standards Portal users

Dear Standards portal user,

Following our previous announcement, the upcoming launch of our newly redesigned standards website, is scheduled to go live at the end of June 2026.

This new platform has been carefully developed following extensive feedback from both internal and external users and aims to meet the needs of our customers, industry partners, and stakeholders.

With a modern interface and enhanced functionality, the redesigned site will provide a smoother and more efficient experience for everyone. Key features include:

- Streamlined navigation: quickly find the information you need with improved navigation and integrated AI functionality.
- Mobile responsiveness: enjoy seamless access whether you're on a desktop, tablet, or smartphone, making it easier for non-office-based colleagues to stay connected.
- Improved accessibility: the site has been designed to meet the latest accessibility standards, ensuring that all users can access our content without barriers.

This all-new standards website marks a significant milestone in the Standards Team's digital transformation journey. The website will reflect our commitment to delivering high-quality content that is easy to access to the railway industry.

At this stage, no action is required. Those with current access to the site will be emailed shortly before the new site launches with sign-in details. If you do not currently have access and feel you need access please contact [STSupplierSupport@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:STSupplierSupport@networkrail.co.uk)

Thank you for your cooperation as we make this improvement to our services.

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## Changes to Network Rail Standards

Issue 140: 06 June 2026 – 4 September 2026

### Standards Change Overview – June 2026

Reference	Title	Issue	Compliance Date
NR/L2/ASR/036	Assurance Framework	8	05/09/2026
NR/GN/CIV/200	Station Design Manual	11	N/a
NR/L1/CIV/192	Management of Lift Assets	3	05/09/2026
NR/L2/CIV/193	Specification for New and Renewed Lifts	3	05/09/2026
NR/L2/CSG/STP001	Standards and Controls Management	11	05/09/2026
NR/L2/CTM/205	Competence and Training for the Maintenance of Traction and Rolling Stock and On-track Machines	3	31/03/2029
NR/L3/INV/3001	Reporting and Investigation Manual	10	05/09/2026
NR/L2/MTC/001	Maintenance and Works Delivery Management Manual	5	05/12/2026
NR/L3/MTC/MG0213	Index of Standard Maintenance Forms	26	06/06/2026
NR/L2/OPS/036	Management of Changes to National Operating Instructions – Signaller's Appendix	2	05/09/2026
NR/L3/OPS/111	Weekly Operating Notice – Format and Content	5	01/04/2028
NR/L2/PRO/001	Property Clearance Process	2	05/09/2026
NR/L3/RMVP/40060	Control of Engineering Change for On Track Plant	1	05/12/2026
NR/L2/RSE/0005	Product Design for Reliability	6	06/06/2026
NR/GN/SIG/CAT005	Index of Network Rail Documents Relating to Signalling and Communications Equipment	61	N/a
NR/L2/SIG/10157	Signal Sighting Assessment Process	5	05/09/2026
NR/L2/SIG/10158	Specification for Signal Sighting Assessment	5	05/09/2026
NR/L2/SIG/11201	Signalling Design Handbook	23	05/09/2026
NR/L3/SIG/10064	General Instructions to Staff Working on S&T Equipment	15	05/09/2026
NR/L3/SIG/10661	Signalling Maintenance Task Intervals	30	05/09/2026
NR/L3/SIG/10663	Signal Maintenance Specifications	21	05/09/2026
NR/L3/SIG/11231	Signalling Maintenance Testing Handbook	24	05/09/2026
NR/L2/TEL/30200	Competence in Professional Telecoms Engineering	1	05/06/2027
NR/GN/TRK/7001	Index of Track Work Information Sheets	22	N/a
NR/L2/TRK/0032	Aluminothermic Welding	8	05/09/2026
NR/L2/TRK/001	Inspection and Maintenance of Permanent Way	29	05/09/2026
NR/L3/TRK/003	Index of Track Engineering Forms	55	05/09/2026
NR/L2/XNG/30020	Level Crossings Design Handbook	7	05/09/2026
NR/L3/XNG/003	Level Crossing Risk Assessment Handbook	3	05/09/2026
NR/L3/CIV/194	Selection and Design of New and Upgraded Lifts	2	Withdrawal date: 05/09/2026
NR/L3/CIV/198	Lift Construction, Commission and Decommission	1	Withdrawal date: 05/09/2026
NR/L2/CSG/10072	Special Inspection Notices (SINs)	3	Withdrawal date: 05/09/2026
NR/L3/MTC/MG0164	Exploiting New Technology	2	Withdrawal date: 05/12/2026
NR/L3/MTC/MG0183	Maintenance Timesheet Process	2	Withdrawal date: 05/12/2026
NR/L3/MTC/SE0212	Safety Management of Contractors	2	Withdrawal date: 05/12/2026
NR/L3/MTC/SG0054	Corrective Maintenance of Signalling Assets	3	Withdrawal date: 05/12/2026
NR/L3/OHS/0046	The Reporting, Investigation and Recording of Safety and Sustainable Development Events and Close Calls within Infrastructure Projects	3	Withdrawal date: 05/09/2026

**Note:** Entries in **RED** denote a standalone standard withdrawal

## Addendums

Reference	Title	Issue	Compliance Date
NR/GN/SIG/19047/ADD	SIGTAN047 - Points (General) - Addendum	1	07/06/2025
NR/L2/CIV/005/ADD	Addendum affecting standard NR/L2/CIV/005 Issue 2 - Drainage Systems Manual	1	20/03/2026
NR/L2/CTM/014/ADD	Addendum affects NR/L2/CTM/014/ADD Issue 2, Training and Competence Overhead Line Engineering	1	07/06/2025
NR/L2/ELP/CTM015/ADD	Addendum affects NR/L2/ELP/CTM015 Issue 2, Competence & Training in DC Conductor Rail Engineering	1	06/09/2025
NR/L2/ENV/015/ADD	Sustainability Minimum Requirements for Projects – Design and Construction - Addendum	1	06/01/2026
NR/L2/SIG/30014/ADD	Signalling Works Testing Handbook - Addendum	1	07/06/2025
NR/L3/SIG/10663/ADD	Signal Maintenance Specifications – Addendum – <b>WITHDRAWN BY NR/L3/SIG/10663 ISSUE 20 – 07/03/2026</b>	1	07/06/2025
NR/SP/SIG/10131/ADD	Addendum affects NR/SP/SIG/10131 Issue 2, Requirement Specification for 'Signals On' Controls for SSI Schemes	1	06/09/2025
NR/L2/TEL/00013/ADD	Addendum affects NR/L2/TEL/00013 Issue 4, Specification for Cable Troughing	1	06/09/2025
NR/L3/ELP/SAI25/ADD	Addendum affecting NR/L3/ELP/SAI25 - Working On or About Overhead Line Equipment (SAI) – (For Deployment in Eastern Region, North West & Central Region, Scotland's Railway and Southern Region) - Issue 5	1	26/03/2026
NR/L2/TRK/001/ADD	Addendum affects NR/L2/TRK/001 Inspection and Maintenance of Permanent Way	1	06/09/2025
NR/SP/SIG/10067/ADD	Addendum affects Requirement Specification for a VDU Based System (RT/E/S/10067/ADD)	1	06/09/2025

## Current Emergency Changes

To access any active Emergency Change you need to refer to its associated Network Rail Standard. **The front page of the standard will provide details of the relevant change.** When using the online service there will be an active link to each relevant change.

Reference	Title	Issue	Date
NR/BS/LI/511	Standard/control document affected: NR/L2/CIV/193 (Issue 2), Standard Specification for New and Upgraded Lifts	1	03/09/2025
NR/BS/LI/510	Standard/control document affected: NR/L3/ELP/3091 [Working on or About 750V D.C Electrified Lines] Module 9 Emergency Switch Off	1	26/06/2025
NR/BS/LI/504	Standard/control document affected: NR/L2/TRK/001/mod14 (Issue 8), Managing Track in Hot weather	1	24/06/2024
NR/BS/LI/501	Standard/control document affected: NR/L3/ELP/27720 (Issue 1), Test Before Touch for Overhead Line Equipment (replaces NR/BS/LI/490)	1	10/06/2024
NR/BS/LI/499	Standard/control document affected: NR/L2/CIV/196 (Issue 1), Standard Specification for New and Upgraded Escalators	1	01/06/2023
NR/BS/LI/496	Standard/control document affected: NR/L2/OHS/003 (Issue 9), Fatigue Risk Management and associated Modules	1	03/02/2023
NR/BS/LI/472	Standard/control document affected: NR/L2/CIV/196 (Issue 1), Standard Specification for New and Upgraded Escalators	1	28/07/2021
NR/BS/LI/371	Standard affected: NR/L2/CIV/162 (Issue 2), Platform Extensions. Location of metal structures on Third Rail area Station Platforms	1	02/03/2016
NR/BS/LI/292	NR/L3/TRK/1010 (Issue 2). Management of responses to extreme weather conditions at structures, earthworks and other key locations	1	18/07/2013
NR/BS/LI/163	Standard affected: RT/CE/S/130 (Issue 1). Flash-Welded Rails: Site Welded Strings	2	01/10/2010
NR/BS/LI/154	Use Of The Geismar THR542 Lightweight Stressing Equipment In Tandem. Standard affected: NR/L2/TRK/3011 (Issue 6)	1	18/01/2010
NR/BS/LI/101	Standard affected: RT/CE/S/077 Storage. Installation & Testing of TSR & ESR AWS	1	08/09/2008
NR/BS/LI/060	Traction electrical distribution sites with compromised earthing due to theft of cables - affected standard NR/SP/ELP/21032	1	23/11/2006
NR/BS/LI/047 - E&P	Bimold Connections on Rectifier Transformers at DC Traction Substations	1	05/05/2006
NR/BS/LI/032	Labelling of Track Isolating Switches (T.I.S)	1	17/10/2005

## Current Technical Instructions

Reference	Title	Issue	Date
TI 000	Index of Technical Instructions Contained in NR/L2/SIG/11120	36	03/09/2022
TI 022	Robust Train Protection: Replacement OSS positioning rules	4	07/04/2019
TI 059	Low Voltage DC Track Circuits & Electric Point Heating	1	03/03/2007
TI 062	DC Track Circuits: Abutting Low-&Medium-Voltage Types	1	01/04/2007
TI 101	Signalling Circuits Carried Over Telecom Transmission Systems - Impact on Train Describer Specifications	2	10/12/2008
TI 149	Intelligent Infrastructure Data Logger – Design, Install and Commission	2	09/06/2011
TI 157	SSP 50 – Remote Control Standby Arrangements GK/RT0025 (GK/GN0525) - Signalling Control Centres	1	24/02/2011
TI 178	Standard/Control document affected: NR/L2/CTM/012 (Issue 3), [Competence and Training in Signal Engineering & NR/L2/CTM/012/044 (Issue 1), [Competence and Training in Signal Engineering SMTH]	2	15/03/2022
TI 181 & TI 181 Appendix	Standard/control document affected: NR/L3/SIG/11231 (Issue 18), Signal Maintenance Testing Handbook, NR/SMTH/Part05, Part08 and Part09; NR/L3/SIG/10663 (Issue 16), Signal Maintenance Specifications, NR/SMS/Part/Z/Z01	1	09/03/2023
TI 182	Standard/control document affected: NR/L3/SIG/10663 (Issue 16), Signal Maintenance Specifications NR/SMS/Part C NR/L2/SIG/30014 (Issue 21), Signal Works Testing Handbook NR/L2/SIG/30014/D115, NR/GN/SIG/19047 (Issue 3), SIGTAN047 - Points (General) – <b>HISTORIC 07/06/2025</b>	3	16/11/2023

## Current Special Inspection Notices

Reference	Title	Issue	Date
NR/SIN/228	Special Inspection Notice of Operational Property Buildings for glazing at height, associated supporting elements, and safety netting	1	06/12/2025
NR/SIN/226	Legionella Risk Management in Network Rail	1	29/08/2025
NR/SIN/225	Inspection & Assurance of Switches & Crossings (see also forms NR/SIN/225/Protocol & NR/SIN/225/Record)	1	18/07/2025
NR/SIN/223	Identification of Junctions with Overspeed Risk	1	02/05/2025
NR/SIN/222	SAFT SMC2200 Rectifier Racks: Inspection and Labelling of Incorrect Pre-Charge Sockets	1	01/08/2025
NR/SIN/220	Managing Lateral Forces on Sub 800m Longitudinal Bearer Systems	1	06/12/2024
NR/SIN/220/REGISTER	Register of Sub 800m Longitudinal Bearer Systems	1	06/12/2024
NR/SIN/219	Mallatite Lightweight Adjustable Brackets	1	24/05/2024
NR/SIN/215	Escalator Step Vinyl Graphics	1	01/07/2023
NR/SIN/214	Survey of Morris Line Engineering (MLE) 1250Amp Disconnectors High Level Position "micro" switches Indication Assemblies	1	28/06/2023
NR/SIN/213	Survey of Morris Line Engineering (MLE) 1250Amp Disconnectors	1	28/06/2023
NR/SIN/210	Investigation into the Diversity for Critical Signalling Services provided over FTN and FTNx	1	13/07/2022
NR/SIN/204	Special Inspection Notice of Operational Property Buildings for inspection of pitched roofs gable walls	1	17/06/2021
NR/SIN/202	Safety of DTS CCTV Polecat System	1	30/07/2021
NR/SIN/199	Safety of Machinery in Network Rail Owned and Operated Depots and Facilities	1	21/01/2021
NR/SIN/196	Risk Assessment and Inspection of Longitudinal Bearer Systems	1	29/07/2020
NR/SIN/188	Removal of Howells BR985 (Mk2) Re-Engineered Hydraulic Level Crossing Barrier Packs	1	11/03/2019
NR/SIN/180	Level Crossing Train Detection Configuration	1	12/03/2018
NR/SIN/180 Appendix B	Level Crossing Train Detection Configuration – Appendix B	1	12/03/2018
NR/SIN/173	Management of risk at User Worked Level Crossings equipped with Power Operated Gate Openers (POGOs) or with both Barriers and Miniature Stop Lights (MSLs)	1	26/04/2018
NR/SIN/173/Appendix F	Management of risk at User Worked Level Crossings equipped with Power Operated Gate Openers (POGOs) or with both Barriers and Miniature Stop Lights (MSLs) - Appendix F	1	26/04/2018
NR/SIN/173/Appendix E	Management of risk at User Worked Level Crossings equipped with Power Operated Gate Openers (POGOs) or with both Barriers and Miniature Stop Lights (MSLs) - Appendix E	1	26/04/2018

# Standards Updates

Reference	Title	Issue	Date
NR/SIN/173/Appendix D	Management of risk at User Worked Level Crossings equipped with Power Operated Gate Openers (POGOs) or with both Barriers and Miniature Stop Lights (MSLs) - Appendix D	1	26/04/2018
NR/SIN/173/Appendix C	Management of risk at User Worked Level Crossings equipped with Power Operated Gate Openers (POGOs) or with both Barriers and Miniature Stop Lights (MSLs) - Appendix C	1	26/04/2018
NR/SIN/173/Appendix B	Management of risk at User Worked Level Crossings equipped with Power Operated Gate Openers (POGOs) or with both Barriers and Miniature Stop Lights (MSLs) - Appendix B	1	26/04/2018
NR/SIN/169	VT1 Type Relays Inspection	3	26/06/2020
NR/SIN/166	Inspection of Howells Re-Engineered Level Crossing Power Packs	1	22/05/2017
NR/SIN/162	Inspection of Dorman Classic and CLS LITE LED Signals	2	08/11/2018
NR/SIN/160	Covtec Supplementary Audible Warning Device (SAWD)	2	20/04/2020
NR/SIN/158/Appendix C	Trunnion Bolt Replacement SINAC Form	1	18/11/2016
NR/SIN/158	Level crossing pedestal trunnion bolts	1	18/11/2016
NR/SIN/143	Special Inspection of Architectural Features attached to Station Building Assets	3	24/04/2015

### Access to the TfL Management System

If you require access to TfL's Management System for Standards, Maintenance Work Instructions, the Rule Books or Pathway:

1. Create an account on the Professional Communities site and complete the GDPR training before requesting access. Failure to complete the training will lead to your request being rejected.
2. Ask your TfL Account Sponsor(s) to submit a request for access on your behalf. Suppliers cannot directly request access.
3. A TfL Account Sponsor is the TfL/LU employee who is acting as Project Sponsor, Project Manager or Commercial Contract Manager.
4. Provide your TfL Account Sponsor with your business email account address i.e. yourname@yourcompanyname.com - to comply with the requirements of the TfL Cloud Security standard. Social accounts (e.g. Yahoo, Gmail, Outlook.com and Hotmail) or consumer accounts (e.g. btinternet.com and virginmedia.com) will not be accepted.
5. The TfL Account Sponsor will then raise the request with the appropriate SharePoint library owner.
6. Once the request has been processed you will receive an email invite to access the TfL Organisation Applications (SharePoint). When you log in, you'll be prompted to follow the on-screen instructions to set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) and accept the TfL Terms of Service. MFA will need to be completed each time you log into TfL's systems and sites.
7. If you decline the Terms of Service or don't complete MFA you will not be granted access.
8. Once you've completed step 6, you will receive an email confirming you can access the SharePoint library.
9. If you do not log into SharePoint for 90 days, your account will automatically expire, and you will have to re-apply for access to SharePoint.
10. You will receive a reminder to refresh your GDPR training each year. If you do not complete the training annually your access will be withdrawn.
11. Raise any access issues with your own IT department first. If they can't resolve your issue please contact your TfL Account Sponsor, and they will raise an incident with our IT support department. Provide the TfL Account Sponsor with screenshots and describe the problem or errors you are experience.

## RSSB - Standards and the rail industry

Access all current (and many withdrawn) Railway Group Standards, Rail Industry Approved Codes of Practice (RACOPs), Guidance Notes (GNs) and Rail Industry Standards (RISs).

<http://www.rssb.co.uk/railway-group-standards>

Useful links:

- [Catalogues](#)
- [Latest Updates to Standards](#)
- [Using Standards](#)
- [Finding and staying up-to-date with standards](#)

### Railway Group Standards (RGSs)

Mandatory requirements for the GB mainline railway system are defined in Railway Group Standards (RGSs). They facilitate the management and operation of the mainline railway as a shared system. RGSs set out technical requirements applicable to vehicles or the infrastructure, or processes applicable to transport operators.

Standards Catalogue <http://www.rssb.co.uk/railway-group-standards>

### Rule Book (GE/RT8000)

The Rule Book (GE/RT8000) and other National Operations Publications are documents that contain direct instructions for railway staff.

The Rule Book is held in printed copy by over 100,000 people, and as such is probably the best known and most widely distributed in the entire RSSB catalogue. Even greater numbers of people are known to use it as a reference and information document both from the United Kingdom and abroad using the online version.

You can still order hard copies of individual standards and Rule Book modules or handbooks from Willsons External link (Tel: 01636 702334) or download them from the Railway Group Standards section of this site.

### Rule Book App

Get 24/7 access to the Rule Book via your phone, tablet, desktop or laptop with the Rule Book App. It's easy to use, search, personalise and update, and you can acknowledge amendments with one touch. Find out more on our dedicated [Rule Book App page](#).

### Rule Book Briefing Leaflet

[GERT8000-RBBL Iss 43](#)

Each issue of the Rule Book Briefing Leaflet contains a summary of the changes being introduced to GERT8000.

### GE/RM8000 Master Module Manual

RSSB has produced this manual to provide end-users with access to the content of GE/RT8000 (The Rule Book) that is relevant to all roles as defined in the Rule Book Matrix published by RSSB:

[Rule Book Module Matrix](#)

[GERM8000-master-module Iss 17](#)

## Controlled Document List 06 June 2026

**Key**

StdNo	Current standard
Stdno	New Standard
StdNo	Live standard pending withdrawal
StdNo	Superseded/Withdrawn

GROUP STANDARDS		Website: <a href="http://www.rssb.co.uk/railway-group-standards">http://www.rssb.co.uk/railway-group-standards</a>	
Ref. / Title		Issue No	Issue Date
<b>Modular Rulebook GE/RT8000/</b> (See separate page for listed modules and issue dates)		-----	-----
<b>GEGN8575</b> Guidance Note on the Management of Electrical Risk Related to Operational Tasks on Electrified Lines		2	03/2026
<b>GEGN8613</b> Application of human factors within safety management systems		1	03/2021
<b>GERM8000</b> Possession Workers Manual		12	09/2025
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Bribery Act 2010	2010 c. 23
Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002	2002 No. 2675
Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989	1989 c. 14
Control of Pollution Act 1974	1974 c. 40
Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007	2007 c. 19
Data Protection Act 2018	2018 c. 12
Environmental Protection Act 1990	1990 c. 43
European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020	2020 c. 29
Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974	1974 c. 37
Modern Slavery Act 2015	2015 c. 30
Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999	1999 c. 24
The Confined Spaces Regulations 1997	1997 No. 1713
The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015	2015 No. 51
The Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations 1992	1992 No. 3068
The Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations 1998	1998 No. 3235
The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 1987	1987 No. 2115
The Control of Asbestos in the Air Regulations 1990	1990 No. 556
The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006	2006 No. 2739
The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012	2012 No. 632
The Control of Lead at Work Regulations 1980	1980 No. 1248
The Control of Lead at Work Regulations 1998	1998 No. 543
The Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002	2002 No. 2676
The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005	2005 No. 1643
The Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986	1986 No. 1510
The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (Amendment) Regulations 2004	2004 No. 3386
The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002	2002 No. 2677
The Environmental Noise, Site Waste Management Plans and Spreadable Fats etc. (Revocations and Amendments) Regulations 2013	2013 No. 2854
The Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997	1997 No. 1840
The Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022	2022 No. 547
The Fire Safety Act 2021 (Commencement) (England) Regulations 2022	2022 No. 544 (C. 26)

LEGISLATION - <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/</a>	
Ref. / Title	Reference
The Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2009	2009 No. 507
The Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005	2005 No. 894
The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996	1996 No. 1513
The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992	1992 No. 2792
The Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981	1981 No. 917
The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc and Related Requirements) Regulations 2020	2020 No. 1005
The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) Regulations 2020	2020 No. 568
The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020	2020 No. 1374
The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020	2020 No. 750
The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Local Authority Enforcement Powers and Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020	2020 No. 1375
The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020	2020 No. 1045
The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020	2020 No. 791
The Health Protection (Notification) (Amendment) Regulations 2022	2022 No. 616
The Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998	1998 No. 2307
The Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992	1992 No. 2793
The Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) Regulations 1992	1992 No. 3139
The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992	1992 No. 2966
The Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002 (Revoked)	2002 No. 1144
The Personal Protective Equipment at Work (Amendment) Regulations 2022	2022 No. 8
The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1992	1992 No. 2932
The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998	1998 No. 2306
The Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006	2006 No. 599
The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005	2005 No. 1541
The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013	2013 No. 1471
The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977	1977 No. 500
The Waste Management (England and Wales) Regulations 2006	2006 No. 937
The Work in Compressed Air Regulations 1996	1996 No. 1656
The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992	1992 No. 3004
Transport and Works Act 1992	1992 c. 42
Water Resources Act 1991	1991 c. 57
Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Act 1991	1991 c. 39
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1981 c. 69

## Key

StdNo	Current standard
Stdno	New Standard
StdNo	Live standard pending withdrawal
StdNo	Superseded/Withdrawn

## Modular Rulebook GE/RT8000

### PTS Only

In most cases only PTS handbook is required, unless one of the following applies:

1. Index, amendment module and Module G1 to be issued to the following:

*Supervisors and managers who issue publications*  
*Staff who operate signal post replacement switches*  
*Staff who place protection for Line Blockage or T3*  
*Staff who secure points*  
*Those who use tents on or near the line*

2. Index and amendment module to be issued to the following:

*Lookouts*  
*People who take charge of cranes and equipment which could foul an open line*  
*People who take charge of work on or near points*  
*People who carry out patrolling/inspecting duties*

### Other competencies (IWA, COSS, PC, ES, MC, CC)

Rule Book			
Doc No & Issue	Issue Date	Title	Synopsis
GERT8000 Issue Iss 40	Mar 2026	Rule Book Module Issue History	This document contains updates to align with changes to Rule Book module issues (GERT8000).
GERT8000 Issue HB Iss 21	Mar 2026	Rule Book Handbook Issue History	This document contains updates to align with changes to Rule Book Handbook issues (GERT8000).
GERT8000-RBBL Iss 43	Mar 2026	Rule Book Briefing Leaflet	Each issue of the Rule Book Briefing Leaflet contains a summary of the changes being introduced to GERT8000.
GERT8000-Gloss Iss 7	Sep 2022	Glossary of Railway Terminology	You will need this glossary if you are issued with GERT8000.
GERT8000-AC Iss 10	Mar 2026	AC electrified lines	This module is required if you carry out the duties of a train driver, guard, shunter, designated person (DP), signaller, crossing keeper in DC electrified areas.
GERT8000-DC Iss 8	Sep 2025	DC electrified lines	This module is required if you carry out the duties of a train driver, guard, shunter, designated person (DP), signaller, crossing keeper in DC electrified areas.
GERT8000-G1 Iss 10	Sep 2025	General safety responsibilities and personal track safety for non-trackworkers	You will need this module if you carry out the duties of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a train driver</li> <li>• a guard</li> <li>• a shunter</li> <li>• a designated person (DP)</li> <li>• a signaller</li> <li>• a crossing keeper</li> <li>• platform staff.</li> </ul>
GERT8000-HB1 Iss 9	Sep 2025	General duties and track safety for track workers	This handbook is for those personnel who need to go on the operational railway to carry out their duties, with the exception of a train driver, guard, shunter, signaller, crossing keeper or designated person (DP).
GERT8000-HB2 Iss 2	Sep 2015	Instructions for track workers who use emergency protection equipment	This handbook is for those personnel who need to go on the operational railway to carry out their duties and have been trained to carry out emergency protection. It does not apply to: train drivers, guards, shunters, signallers, crossing keepers and those who act as a designated person (DP). This document has been updated as part of the December 2015 Rule Book Programme.
GERT8000-HB3 Iss 4	Sep 2025	Duties of the lookout and site warden	This handbook is for those personnel who have duties of the lookout and site warden.

Rule Book			
Doc No & Issue	Issue Date	Title	Synopsis
GERT8000-HB4 Iss 2	Sep 2014	Duties of a points operator and route-setting agent - moving and securing points by hand	This handbook is for those personnel who has duties of a points operator and route-setting agent - moving and securing points by hand. Information on changes to this issue can be found in the Rule Book Briefing Leaflet (GERT8000-RBBL Iss 27).
GERT8000-HB5 Iss 3	Sep 2025	Handsignalling duties	This handbook is for those personnel who carry out handsignalling duties.
GERT8000-HB6 Iss 8	Sep 2024	General duties of an individual working alone (IWA)	This handbook is for those personnel with general duties of an individual working alone (IWA).
GERT8000-HB7 Iss 10	Sep 2025	General duties of a controller of site safety (COSS)	This handbook is for those personnel who have the general duties of a controller of site safety (COSS).
GERT8000-HB8 Iss 10	Sep 2024	IWA, COSS or PC blocking a line	You will need this handbook if you carry out the duties of a IWA, COSS or PC blocking a line.
GERT8000-HB9 Iss 9	Sep 2025	IWA or COSS setting up safe systems of work within possessions	You will need this handbook if you carry out the duties of an IWA or COSS setting up safe systems of work within possessions.
GERT8000-HB10 Iss 5	Sep 2023	Duties of the COSS and person in charge when using a hand trolley	You will need this handbook if you are the COSS or SWL and person in charge when using a hand trolley.
GERT8000-HB11 Iss 11	Sep 2024	Duties of the person in charge of the possession (PICOP)	You will need this handbook if you carry out the duties of the PICOP.
GERT8000-HB12 Iss 11	Sep 2025	Duties of the engineering supervisor (ES) in a possession	You will need this handbook if you carry out the duties of the ES in a possession.
GERT8000-HB13 Iss 4	Sep 2023	Duties of the person in charge of the siding possession (PICOS)	You will need this handbook if you carry out the duties of a PICOS.
GERT8000-HB14 Iss 3	Mar 2021	Duties of the person in charge of loading and unloading rail vehicles during engineering work	You will need this handbook if you carry out the duties of the person in charge of loading and unloading rail vehicles during engineering work.
GERT8000-HB15 Iss 7	Sep 2024	Duties of the machine controller (MC) and on-track plant operator	You will need this handbook if you carry out the duties of the machine controller (MC) and on-track plant operator.
GERT8000-HB16 Iss 7	Mar 2026	AC electrified lines	This handbook is for those personnel who need to go on the operational railway in an AC electrified area to carry out their duties, with the exception of a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• train driver</li> <li>• guard</li> <li>• shunter</li> <li>• signaller</li> <li>• crossing keeper</li> <li>• designated person (DP).</li> </ul>
GERT8000-HB17 Iss 6	Mar 2026	DC electrified lines	This handbook is for those personnel who need to go on the operational railway in an DC electrified area to carry out their duties, with the exception of a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• train driver</li> <li>• guard</li> <li>• shunter</li> <li>• signaller</li> <li>• crossing keeper</li> <li>• designated person (DP)</li> </ul>
GERT8000-HB18 Iss 4	Sep 2015	Duties of a Level Crossing Attendant	You will need this handbook if you carry out the duties of a level crossing attendant. This document has been updated as part of the December 2015 Rule Book Programme.
GERT8000-HB19 Iss 6	Sep 2025	Work on signalling equipment - duties of the signalling technician	You will need this handbook if you carry out the duties of a signalling technician.
GERT8000-OTM Iss 12	Sep 2024	Working of on-track machines (OTM)	You will need this module if you carry out the duties of a driver of an on-track machine, an operator of an on-track machine, or a signaller.
GERT8000-T3 Iss 13	Sep 2025	Possession of a running line for engineering work	You will need this module if you carry out the duties of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a driver</li> <li>• a signaller.</li> </ul>
GERT8000-T10 Iss 6	Sep 2022	Duties of a designated person (DP) and people working on rail vehicles	You will need this module if you carry out the duties of a designated person or person working on a rail vehicle.

## Network Rail Safety Central – Information Section

### Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct establishes some minimum standards that Network Rail expects in their supply chain. It has been developed by Network Rail's National Supply Chain, Industry bodies, and the Unions. It will be reviewed and updated by members of these same groups bi-annually. Please email queries to [codeofconduct@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:codeofconduct@networkrail.co.uk)

[Code of Business Ethics](#) (web page)

[Modern Slavery](#) (web page)

### Network Rail Safety Bulletins

In this section you'll find copies of the Network Rail safety bulletins regularly sent out to staff working on the Network Rail infrastructure. These cover a range of different safety issues and are often issued in response to a specific incident.

<https://safety.networkrail.co.uk/tools-resources/safety-bulletins/>

### Safety Bulletins

- No new documents

### Safety Advice

- [Safety Advice NRA26-03 – Checking You Are at the Correct Location](#) May 18, 2026.

### Lessons Learnt / Shared Learning

- No new documents

### Electrical Safety

- [Electrical Safety Campaigns](#)
- [Electrical safety bulletins](#)
- [Electrical Safety Culture](#)
- [NSCD Supplementary Material](#)
- [Safer Faster Isolation \(SFI\) Technology](#)
- [Single Approach to Isolation \(SAI\)](#)
- [Godinton Sub Station Electrical Safety Hour](#)
- [Electrical Safety Delivery \(ESD\)](#)

### Drugs and Alcohol standard

- [D&A Standard March 2025 - Changes on a Page](#) pdf / 12 Mar 2025
- [D&A Standard NR-L2-OHS-00120 - Issue 8 Detailed Briefing](#) pdf / 12 Mar 2025
- [D&A Health Bulletin](#) pdf / 12 Mar 2025

### Drive Safe

- [Drive Fatigue Toolkit](#) 10 Jul 2025
- [Drive Safe: Back to Basics Guide](#) 14 Nov 2024
- [The Driver's Handbook \(v15\)](#) 30 Jan 2025
- [Drive Safe Toolkit](#) 20 Nov 2024
- [Drive Safe Brand Guidelines](#) 19 Dec 2024

### Greener Railway Hub

Network Rail launched a new Environment and Sustainability website in January 2026. You can find the latest information on the Greener Railway Hub at: <https://greener.networkrail.co.uk/>

## Health & Wellbeing

[Health and wellbeing](#) (web page)

## Risk Management

[Think RISK](#) (web page)

## Resource Library

<https://safety.networkrail.co.uk/tools-resources/resource-library/>

The Resource Library holds a wealth of information.

## Network Rail HQ: Supply Chain Operations 24/7 Telephone

### Operations Manager

Phone: 01908 723 500, option 7

Email: [sco247-operationsmanager@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:sco247-operationsmanager@networkrail.co.uk)

- Responsible for the day to day running of the SCO 24:7 Control

### Route Services Accidents and Incidents Reporting

Phone: 01908 723 500, option 1

Email: [closecallreporting@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:closecallreporting@networkrail.co.uk)

- Responsible for the reporting of all Route Services Accidents and Incident events (IRIS)

### Worker Management (Site Access & Lone Worker)

Phone: 01908 723 500, option 2

Email: [sco247-siteaccess@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:sco247-siteaccess@networkrail.co.uk)

- Responsible for the signing in of staff to worksite (only applicable to certain areas)

### Team Leaders, Communication Centre

Phone: 01908 723 500, option 9

Email: [sco247teamleader@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:sco247teamleader@networkrail.co.uk)

- Responsible for the collation and distribution of SCO asset information

## Emergency

If there's a safety threat to you or to others such as:

- Animals, objects or people on or near the track
- Damage or fault at a level crossing
- A vehicle has hit a bridge
- A broken fence or open gate allowing access to the track

Please call Network Rail Emergency 24-hour helpline immediately: **03457 11 41 41**

### To report a crime

Please contact the British Transport Police: **0800 40 50 40**, **999** or **Text 61016**

## HSE Fatigue and Risk Index (FRI) Calculator

The Fatigue Risk Index (FRI) has been withdrawn from the HSE website. The reasons for this are:

- The software platform is an older Excel that can no longer be supported on the HSE website.
- The design of the FRI requires improvement to promote better understanding of its outputs, its limitations and its role in a Fatigue Management System.
- In its current format, there have been cases of the FRI being issued in order to justify work patterns that clearly require further action to reduce fatigue-related risk.
- FRI users who have access to the FRI in its current format can continue to use it, provided you have the necessary expertise to use the tool and understand the outputs and limitations.

Following feedback, we are making the tool available, as well as how to documents, to aid with calculations.

[HSE Fatigue and Risk Index \(FRI\) Calculator](#)

## Useful Links

The following pages contain other useful links and safety information from various sources which may be relevant to you.

Item	Details
<b>Health and Safety Executive</b> <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk">http://www.hse.gov.uk</a> – Website	Government agency responsible for regulating risks to health and safety arising from work. HSE publications can be downloaded free in Adobe PDF format.
<b>CIRAS Online</b> <a href="http://www.ciras.org.uk">http://www.ciras.org.uk</a> – free access	The Confidential Incident Reporting and Analysis System Freephone number 0800 4 101 101.
<b>Network Rail</b> <a href="http://www.networkrail.co.uk">http://www.networkrail.co.uk</a> – Website	Owner and operator of Britain's railway infrastructure.
<b>Network Rail Standards</b> If you have any queries re the registration form or the Network Rail Standards portal, please email: <a href="mailto:STSupplierSupport@networkrail.co.uk">STSupplierSupport@networkrail.co.uk</a>  <b>Network Rail Technical Drawings</b> National Records Group Email: <a href="mailto:nrgcivils@networkrail.co.uk">nrgcivils@networkrail.co.uk</a>	from 31 August 2023, free access to Network Rail's extensive catalogue of standards and controls documentation will be via a new (interim) website.  This new site will be called the Network Rail Standards Portal.  If you have not already done so, please register for access to the Network Rail Standards Portal by <a href="#">completing this registration form</a> as soon as you can, so that your new log in account can be set up.
<b>Network Rail Safety Central</b> <a href="http://safety.networkrail.co.uk">http://safety.networkrail.co.uk</a> – free access	The site is your one-stop shop of safety information, advice, resources and useful contacts, designed to promote consistency and best practice across the whole rail industry. The information is divided under the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alerts &amp; Campaign Material</li> <li>• Communication &amp; Health</li> <li>• Commitment &amp; Rules</li> <li>• Safety Groups</li> <li>• On Site Solutions</li> <li>• Toolbox</li> </ul>
<b>Rail Safety and Standards Board</b> <a href="http://www.rssb.co.uk">http://www.rssb.co.uk</a> – Register for access to certain documents	RSSB builds industry-wide consensus and facilitates the resolution of difficult cross-industry issues. They provide knowledge, analysis, a substantial level of technical expertise, powerful information and risk management tools.
<b>Rail Sentinel</b> <a href="https://www.railsentinel.co.uk/">https://www.railsentinel.co.uk/</a> – registered companies only	<b>Sentinel Scheme Rules</b> The latest copy of the scheme rules can be found here: <a href="#">Sentinel Scheme Rules</a>
<b>Office of Rail and Road</b> <a href="http://orr.gov.uk/">http://orr.gov.uk/</a> – free access	Independent safety and economic regulator for Britain's railways and monitor of performance and efficiency for England's Strategic Road Network.
<b>Rail Accident Investigation Branch</b> <a href="http://www.raib.gov.uk/">http://www.raib.gov.uk/</a> – free access	Independent railway accident investigation organisation for the UK. It investigates railway accidents and incidents on the UK's railways to improve safety, not to establish blame.

Item	Details
<p><b>Railway Group Standards</b>  <a href="https://www.rssb.co.uk/standards-catalogue">https://www.rssb.co.uk/standards-catalogue</a>                      – free access with registration</p> <p>Rail Safety &amp; Standards Board                      Enquiry Desk                      Phone: 020 3142 5400                      Website <a href="http://www.rssb.co.uk">www.rssb.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Purchasing Railway Group Standards</b>                      A copy of the order form can be found in the forms section of the RGS Catalogue or from the RGSONLINE website stated above. You will need the following details in order to complete the form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Railway Group Standards code and title</li> <li>• Quantity</li> <li>• Price</li> <li>• Purchaser's full name, business, address and telephone number</li> <li>• Credit card details, cheque or purchase order number</li> </ul> <p>Then fax or post it to <b>Willsons Printers Limited</b> at the address below.</p> <p>Please ensure that you include your credit card details, purchase order or a cheque made payable to Willsons Printers. Payments can also be made by BACS - please contact Willsons for company bank details. Orders received will be dispatched within five working days.</p> <p><b>Purchasing National Operations Publications</b>                      National Operations Publications are Railway Group Standards which set out mandatory requirements for direct application in the workplace. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modular Rule Book (GERT8000)</li> <li>• Working Manual for Rail Staff: Handling and Carriage of Dangerous Goods (GORM3053)</li> <li>• Working Manual for Rail Staff: Freight Train Operators (GORM3056)</li> <li>• Rule Book Forms</li> </ul> <p>Details of these documents can be found in the sections 'Document Titles and Descriptions' for Traffic Operation and Management.</p> <p>As these documents are subject to frequent change, amendments which do not justify the reissue of the module or section of the working manual are published in GERT8001, Changes to National Operations Publications.</p> <p>Willsons Printers Limited supplies the modules and handbooks which make up the Modular Rule Book, Working Manual and Rule Book forms. You can order these documents by contacting <b>Denise Atkinson</b> at <b>Willsons Printers Limited</b> at the address below:</p> <p><b>Willsons Printers Limited</b>  <b>Highlander House</b>  <b>Cross Street, Newark</b>  <b>Nottinghamshire, NG24 1PP</b>                      Tel: 01636702334      Fax: 01636701396  <a href="http://www.willsonshop.com">http://www.willsonshop.com</a></p>
<p><b>M&amp;EE Networking Group Codes of Practice</b>  <a href="https://www.rssb.co.uk/standards-catalogue#stakeholder-publications">https://www.rssb.co.uk/standards-catalogue#stakeholder-publications</a></p> <p><b>Refine results by selecting Lead Committee</b></p>	<p>The M&amp;EE Networking Group is a non profit making group dedicated to the sharing of professional engineering and railway operations information and to provide a focus to the rail industry relating to operational and technical safety of plant. The group is a meeting of the professional heads of mechanical and electrical engineering and operations from infrastructure contractors, Network Rail, RSSB, the Rail Plant Association, London Underground and elected representatives from other infrastructure renewal companies, plant owners, and manufacturers/suppliers of plant and technical services.</p> <p>The M&amp;EE Networking Group produces Codes of Practice and other documents as good practice for all members of the industry.</p>

Safety Bulletins

Industry Bulletins





# Works Delivery Lessons Learnt

Date of accident: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Accident Type: Struck by Hand Tool



everyone  
home safe  
every day



## What happened:

At approx. 02:50 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026, whilst undertaking vegetation pruning, an Operative was struck in the face by the handle of the pruning saw. This occurred because the Operative was attempting to cut a limb approx. 2m in length & when the limb starting to give way it snagged the blade pulling the saw upwards & then back down.

The Operative was struck in the face by the bottom of the handle causing the mesh visor & safety glasses to compress into his face causing slight bruising across the nose & a small under the right eye.

First aid was undertaken on site, the wound was cleaned & no further treatment was required. The Team stood down for the remainder of the shift, completed written Statements, informed on-call & Incident Control.

## Actions taken:

- Level-1 Investigation carried out.
- Teams working on the Project have been briefed on the accident.
- Team to cut the branches in smaller sections.





# Operations Significant Event Fast Facts

Note: This document contains information understood to date (24hrs post incident) and information may change following investigation

## Event details: Line Blockage Irregularity at Geddington

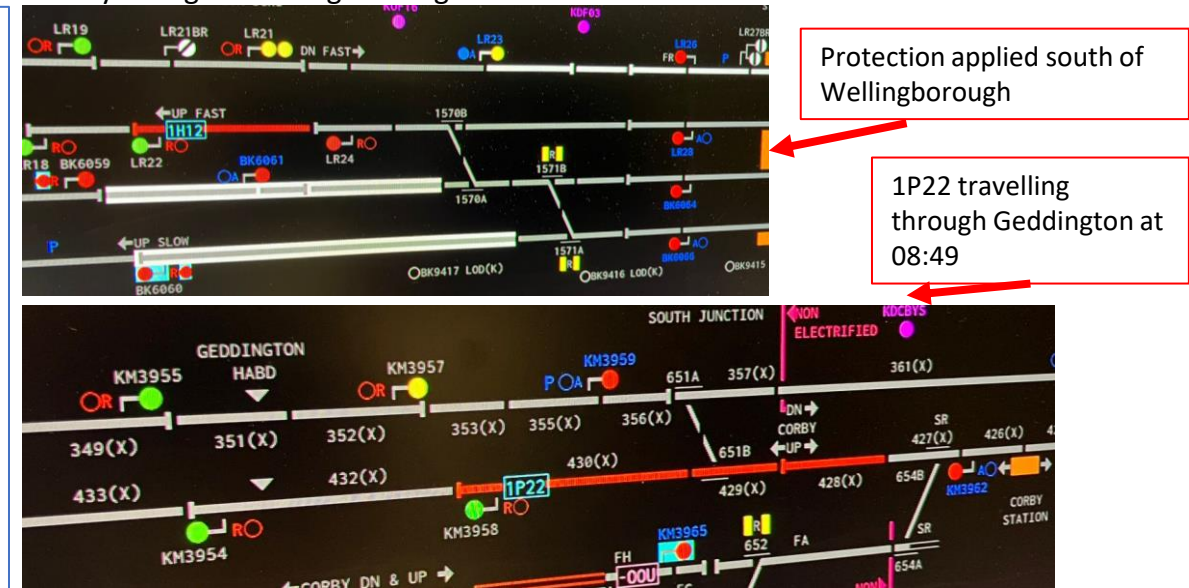
At 08:52 on 26/03/2026 it was reported by a Network Rail COSS that a train had come through their line blockage on the Up Corby in the Geddington Old Station area.

The COSS contacted the Kettering signaller at 08:17 to make arrangements for inspection work and requested KET48 SBSI line blockage. A complete handshake was made between the COSS and signaller, identifying the Name, Role and Location (Geddington Old Station). The signaller requested the limits from the COSS which were repeated back and included the Up and Down slow line. The signaller called the COSS at 08:27 and repeated that the COSS was at Geddington Old Station and repeated the limits of the Up and Down Slow before applying the blockage. The signaller asked the COSS if they were ok to route from Wellingborough P4 to the Fast lines and the COSS agrees, blockage granted at 08:28 with 08:47 handback time.

At 08:39 the signaller contacts the COSS to advise they have an early running freight service (6C31) and asks if the COSS can hand back the line blockage back early. The COSS advises the signaller they can and are giving up the Up and Down Corby's, the signaller questions the 'Corby's', the COSS repeats Geddington and both parties move on and give up the blockage without further challenge. 1H14 departed Corby towards Kettering at 08:39 and would have arrived at the site if the original hand back time of 08:47 was kept for the first blockage. At 08:48 the signaller contacts the COSS and grants the line blockage on the Up and Down Slow with the same limits and handback time of 09:50.

At 08:52 the COSS contacts the signaller to advise a train (1P22) has come through their line blockage on the 'Up'. The signaller repeats back the limits which COSS agrees. They then spend time working out what has happened. At 08:56 the signaller contacted the COSS and the line blockage was cancelled. The location the COSS was at was in the Corby area and the limits relate to the Wellingborough area. The signaller did not know where Geddington Old Station was and the COSS had used the wrong SBSI line blockage.

EMCC SSM made EM Control aware of the incident and statements and evidence was gathered by the LOM. D&A testing completed and a negative result.



### Key issues for investigation to consider:

- Were both parties actively involved in the conversation or just focused on repeating back information?

### Immediate actions taken:

Signaller stood down and D&A tested  
SCCs reviewed

### Evidence collated:

Voice Comms  
Signaller statement  
NR3180 form  
Occurrence book extract  
Westcad download & hindsight reviewed

Could this happen in other locations: Yes  
Level of investigation: TBC  
IRIS reference: TBC  
CCIL: 3231975

## Safety Brief: Emerging Risks in Possession Management and Track Access

The railway environment presents a wide range of inherent safety hazards that must be effectively managed within any worksite. These hazards exist whether work is being carried out on or near the line, on station platforms, or away from the running lines, and they require constant vigilance, robust planning, and strict adherence to safe systems of work.

There has been a rapidly emerging and concerning trend associated with taking possessions and working near the line. This trend has prompted significant concern, and I would ask that you take the time to formally brief all your staff on this issue as a matter of priority.

### Recent Safety Incidents – Eastern Region

Over the last ten reporting periods, a number of serious incidents have occurred across the Eastern Region, several of which involved unsafe access to the railway or incorrect application of possession protection. These incidents are outlined below to highlight both the frequency and severity of the emerging trend:

- **15 July 2025** – A contractor accessed the track from outside possession limits and placed protection boards in the incorrect location. When challenged, the individual accessed the track again from outside the possession limits to reposition the boards, placing themselves on an open line on two separate occasions. He had often accessed from this access point which in this instance was different to what was contained in the SSOWP.
- **18 August 2025** – A Network Rail employee and a contractor acting as COSS crossed two open lines without any protection, incorrectly assuming that the position of a level crossing gate indicated it was safe to cross.
- **4 November 2025** – A Network Rail employee crossed open lines at a level crossing in front of an approaching train, believing they had sufficient time to cross, thereby placing themselves at serious risk.
- **22 February 2026** – A contractor placed detonator protection in the incorrect location, installing it at the signal instead of at the points associated with the possession limits, he felt unsure of the instruction but decided against challenging the instruction.
- **5 March 2026** – Network Rail was informed of an unauthorised access to infrastructure by a contractor's relation, placing that individual at potential risk.
- **8 March 2026** – While taking a possession and walking in the four-foot to place marker boards, an individual accessed a line believing it to be blocked. A train approached from behind during darkness hours. Forward-facing footage showed only 1.4 seconds between the individual realising a train was approaching and the train passing, after the person

jumped into the cess. The person involved had not entered the access point identified in the SSOWP.

- **15 March 2026** – A Network Rail employee carrying out track monitoring work was struck by a train on the Up Fast approach to Elstree station, resulting in a fatality. This accident is under investigation and details will be released at a later date.
- **22 March 2026** – Possession marker boards were placed outside the possession limits after a contractor relied on an app to identify locations and did not read the SSOWP in sufficient detail.
- **26 March 2026** – At the time of drafting this safety advice, a train entered a possession. Early indications suggest incorrect locations were given when taking the block. This incident remains under investigation.

Two of the incidents above are still under investigation. However, in many cases, more than one failure was present at the time of the incident.

## Common Failure Themes Identified

The incidents reviewed show recurring failures, grouped as follows and in some instances the incident had more than one failure.

- Not reading the SSOWP in sufficient detail – 3 instances
- Assumptions made based on information or experience – 6 instances
- Failure to correctly follow the crossing the line procedure – 2 instances
- Communication failures – 1 instance
- Currently still under investigation – 2 incidents/accidents

## The Role of Assumptions

It is clear that assumptions are a significant contributing factor in a large proportion of these incidents. Common assumptions identified include:

- *"I know the area well, I know where I'm going and what to do."*
- *"It looks safe; there is enough time to cross the line."*
- *"They know more than me, so I won't challenge."*
- *"I know what and where the work is, so I'll just lightly review the SSOWP."*

These assumptions remove critical safety barriers and significantly increase risk.

## Required Action

This is no longer simply a concerning trend. It has now resulted in:

- A near miss with a margin of only 1.4 seconds, and
- A fatal accident seven days later.

I therefore ask that you urgently brief all staff on:

- The seriousness of this emerging and rapidly escalating trend.
- The absolute requirement to read, understand, and follow the SSOWP in full.
- The dangers of making assumptions, regardless of experience or familiarity.
- The importance of challenging unsafe behaviours or uncertainty.
- Strict compliance with crossing the line procedures and possession limits.

## Confirmation of Briefing

Please confirm the actions you have taken to brief your staff by responding to Network Rail's Health and Safety Lead for Works Delivery Anglia, Richard Norman, at:

**Richard.norman@networkrail.co.uk**

This confirmation will be retained for our briefing records.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to keeping our workforce safe.

**Paul Churchill**

Senior Programme Manager  
Network Rail

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## Mossend Possession Irregularity

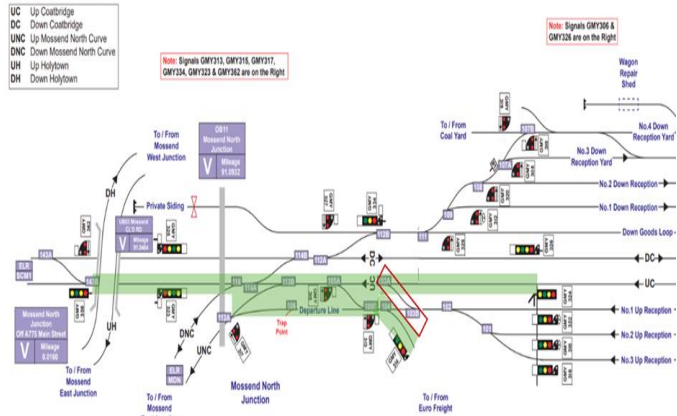
**Issued to:** Scotland's  
Railway  
Colleagues  
& Principal  
Contractors

**Ref:** SRB 26-10L

**Date of  
issue:** 27/04/2026

**Location:** Mossend

**Contact:** [Lisa Donnelly -  
RWHSEA](#)



Green area **under line blockage**  
Red rectangle **where team were working**

### Overview

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of April a Signal and Telecoms team were conducting maintenance on 103 points at Mossend.

The Mossend rail layout is complex due to Rail Freight connected depots and sidings.

For access and protection, a simple line block was in use which covered the A end of the points only.

The signaller identified that the team were working on 103B end which was out with the agreed Safe System of Work Plan (SSOWP) limits. 103 points consists of two ends 103A and 103B. (See diagram)

The incident is under investigation, and more information will be shared when completed.

### Discussion Points

- Is the safe work pack (SWP) appropriate, timely and specific for the task?
- Is the task planning process robust?
- Has the PIC/Coss (Verifier) confirmed the work/task is fully contained within planned work limits?
- Have safety critical communication protocols been followed, and a clear understanding reached between relevant parties?
- Is the PIC/COSS fully familiar with their working environment in terms of rail layout, protecting signals, and adjacent sidings?

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## Colleague Specified Injury

**Issued to:** Scotland's Railway  
Colleagues & Principal  
Contractors

**Ref:** SRB 26-13L

**Date of issue:** 20/05/2026

**Location:** Stirling ECM3

**Contact:** [Dale Anderson, Health & Safety Manager](#)



## Overview

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026, a colleague broke their leg after stepping down from a small wall.

The team were securing a lineside fence that was leaning towards the running line. The colleague walked back to their vehicle to collect tools.

On the way, they stepped down from a small wall, rolled their ankle and fell.

The team took the colleague to A&E straight away. They were later confirmed to have a fractured fibula.

## Discussion Points

Uneven ground, vegetation and surrounding infrastructure can all create hazards. Take care when stepping up or down, even over small height changes.

**Always** plan and check your walking route before starting work.

**Always** take care around walls, fences and uneven ground.

**Always** stay alert to hazards that are not part of the task itself

**Always** make sure lighting is good enough to see where you are going.

**Always** stop and reassess if the planned safe system of work or conditions change.

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## RIDDOR Specified – Slip, Trip and Fall

**Issued to:** Scotland's Railway  
Colleagues & Principal  
Contractors

**Ref:** SRB 26-16L

**Date of issue:** 22/05/2026

**Location:** Harburn Old St Access Point  
(ECA2)

**Contact:** [Lisa Donnelly, Workforce Health, Safety and Environment Advisor](#)



## Overview

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026, a colleague broke their arm after losing their footing and tripping on scrap rail.

The team were carrying out scrap rail burning activities. The colleague had successfully cut two of the rails, and whilst moving to cut the third rail, lost their footing and fell.

The team took the colleague to A&E immediately.

They were later confirmed to have a sustained a fracture to their arm.

## Discussion Points

Uneven ground, and surrounding infrastructure can all create hazards.

**Always** take care when working around scrap rail, plan ahead and check your footing

**Always** take care around hazards associated with work equipment

**Always** stay alert to hazards that are not part of the task itself

**Always** make sure lighting is good enough to see where you are going.

**Always** stop and reassess if the planned safe system of work or conditions change.

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## COTEC C31 Live Line Indicator Incident

Issued to: All Network Rail line managers and safety professionals

Ref: NRB26-03

Date of issue: 02/06/2026

Location: Ipswich DU

Contact: Tom Kemp, Network Technical Head of Contact Systems AC/DC, Technical Authority



## Overview

On 21 May 2026, an Ipswich DU Distribution team was undertaking planned maintenance involving the isolation of Ipswich Track Sectioning Cabin (TSC).

During the activity, the team was carrying out Live > Dead > Live testing on track feeder spigots using a Cotec C31 Live Line Indicator (LLI).

During this process, the Live Line Indicator experienced a catastrophic failure, resulting in a short circuit to the associated OLE electrical section.

Fortunately, no injuries were sustained during this incident.

The Live Line Indicator has been quarantined and will undergo forensic assessment to determine the root cause of the failure.

Whilst the investigation is ongoing, other Cotec C31 LLI may continue to be used. However, all personnel must strictly adhere to the requirements and control measures outlined in the Discussion Points section.

## Discussion points

### Correct Assembly

The Cotec C31 LLI must always be assembled in accordance with the requirements set out in **NR/L3/ELP/27237/OLE/E14A – Use of Cotec C31 Live Line Indicator**.

### Traction Return Connection

The Cotec C31 LLI must never be used without the rail clamp being properly connected to the traction return rail. This connection must be confirmed before any testing is undertaken.

### **Pre-Use Visual Inspection**

A thorough visual inspection of the equipment must be carried out prior to use. This inspection must include:

- Checking the full length of the high voltage probe for any splits, cracks, or signs of damage
- Confirming the Aluflex cable is free from any visible damage
- Confirming that the crimped lugs on the Aluflex cable are secure and not loose

### **High Voltage Probe**

The Cotec C31 LLI must never be used unless the high voltage probe is correctly fitted to the main body. The probe must be securely attached prior to use.

### **Calibration Verification**

Prior to using a LLI you must confirm that the device is within its calibration period by checking the calibration label. Any device found to be out of calibration must not be used under any circumstances and must be removed from service and quarantined immediately.

### **Storage and transport**

Disassemble the tester after use and place the C31 instrument body back into its protective case (especially during transport). Store the tester in a dry place. Store and transport the high voltage probe to prevent contamination or damage.

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# RED ALERT

## Health & Safety

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Please update notice

### Hydrocarbon Contamination Incident

Reference: 2026/041 (Rev 1)- 04/06/2026

Who needs to read this?	WWSL Internal / External contractors
What do I need to do and when?	Briefing of site teams
Do training records need completing?	Please use <a href="#">Critical Communications Record App</a> .
Where do I go for further information?	Local Health and Safety Partner

#### What happened?

R&M Supply crews conducted emergency works in Milverton, where a leak from a domestic heating-oil tank had impacted water quality. The work involved replacing existing pipes with barrier pipe to protect the network. Crews encountered kerosene-contaminated ground and oily water within the excavation. The contamination was visible on the tarmac and in the excavation water, with operatives reporting a strong smell of oil.

Operatives experienced symptoms of **headaches, dizziness, sore or stinging eyes, throat irritation, breathing difficulty and skin irritation**. Two workers were unable to return to work for a number of days.

The investigation found that controls in place for contaminated groundwork did not mention the key risk arising from kerosene. There was no site-specific contaminated ground risk assessment, no atmospheric monitoring, and no suitable RPE/PPE provided.

#### Why is it important?

Kerosene, along with any associated contaminated ground, can give off harmful vapours. Exposure could include short-term health effects such as **headaches, dizziness, throat irritation, eye irritation and breathing difficulty**, and may also lead to longer-term health effects such as **bronchitis and dermatitis**.



In this incident, take 5 to check 5 was implemented. The R&M crew correctly sought guidance but were advised to continue with frequent breaks as the risk was not properly assessed. The investigation identified that suitable RPE & PPE was not in place to protect against the hazards (hydrocarbon vapours).

Respiratory protection for kerosene requires appropriate organic-vapour protection. Visible oil, strong odour, contaminated soil, oil sheen, or workers feeling unwell are all signs that the job may no longer be routine - these are signs to STOP WORK immediately and seek further guidance.

#### What do I need to do?

If you encounter, suspect or are told about fuel, oil, chemical contamination, contaminated ground, oily water, strong odours, unusual taste, visible sheen, contaminated chambers or contaminated excavations you must:

- 1. STOP** - Do not continue work until the risk has been reassessed.
- 2. VACATE** - Get yourself and others away from the source of vapours, fumes or contaminated material.
- 3. ESCALATE** - Contact your supervisor or line manager immediately. You or your line manager **MUST** seek guidance from your **Health and Safety Partner**. Do not restart work until a safe system of work has been agreed.

## Bridgeway Safety Bulletins

# HSQE ALERT



**Issue Date:**  
09/04/2026

**Issue No:**  
2026-09

**Source:**  
Assurance

## Brief Description:

**Use The Track Locator App Safely.**

Recent incidents show that some staff are over-relying on Track Locator and not completing the full checks required before placing protection. Misreading or blindly trusting the app has led to mistakes and near-misses.

We need to remind all Protection Staff that Track Locator is only a support tool - protection must always be confirmed using multiple sources, including the SWP, mileage checks, access point signage, and clear agreement with the PICOP.

**Before placing any protection, the PS must carry out all of the following:**

### 1. Read and Accept the Safe Work Pack (SWP)

- Confirm the correct location, mileage, chains/yards, and line.
- Check any local hazards and specific instructions.

### 2. Confirm Mileage and Limits Manually

- Use line diagrams, sectional appendix, maps, and the SWP.
- Cross-check mileage with physical features (bridges, signals, mileposts).

### 3. Confirm Signage and Access Point

- Ensure you are at the correct access point.
- Use signage, local identifiers, and any markers noted in the SWP.

### 4. Use Tools Such as Track Locator — but only as a secondary check

- Track Locator supports the process but does not replace proper verification.

### 5. Confirm with PICOP / Signaller

- Repeat back limits clearly.
- Ensure all parties understand the exact limits and the line being blocked.
- Never assume — always verify.



**Never rely on Track Locator alone – always cross-check with the SWP, signage and PICOP.**

# HSQE ALERT

## Golden Site Rules

### I will always:

1. Be fit for work
2. Understand and stick to the Safe System of Work
3. Stop work if I feel unsafe
4. Report all Accidents, Close Calls and Near Misses



Issue Date: 05/05/2026

Issue No: 2026-11

Source: Assurance

### Brief Description:

## Acknowledging Warning Horns from Approaching Trains

Over the last few months there have been several incidents where track workers have failed to acknowledge warnings from approaching trains.

The Rulebook -GERM8000-HB1 General Duties and Track Safety for Track Workers, under section 3.1 General stipulates – *You Must raise One Arm above your head to acknowledge the driver of ANY approaching train who sounds a warning horn.*



In this instance the warning horn was not clearly acknowledged.

To ensure all Personnel keep safe whilst on or near the line, there a few points below to help you stay safe.

- Always Acknowledge Train Drivers Warning Horn.
- Always Look up every 5 seconds, this will allow you time to spot oncoming trains.
- Always Stay the correct distance from the nearest open line.
- When standing near to Open lines Never turn your back to oncoming traffic.

If you would like any further information or have any questions regarding this safety Alert, then please contact either your Line Manager or the Assurance Department.

**Stay Safe and Always Acknowledge Warnings from Approaching Trains!**



**3-4-3 and Fleet 3-4-3**

Safety and Fleet 3-4-3 will be sent out at a later date