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# Network Rail fatalities – staying safe at work

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### Background

Earlier this week (3 July), two members of the Network Rail track team died after being hit by a passenger train in near Margam in South Wales. Our thoughts are with their families and their colleagues in Network Rail.

Network Rail, the Rail Accident and Investigation Bureau (RAIB) and the police are investigating the incident. We will take any lessons from these investigations and will apply them where relevant in TfL.

This tragic incident is a devastating reminder to all of us about the risks of working in a railway environment. Nothing is more important than everyone who works here going home at the end of their shift, so please reflect on this terrible accident and consider how you can ensure that you and your colleagues can go home safely.

### Instruction

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- Always work to the rules and procedures, they are in place to protect you and your colleagues.
- Use the appropriate operational communications/safety critical communication for your environment
- challenge anything that seems unsafe
- Tackle risks as soon as you see them

For those who work on or near the track or if you work with any moving plant/equipment:

- Consider whether you need to be trackside to do the work
- Ensure all staff involved are competent to be there
- Always work to the rules and procedures, they are in place to protect you and your colleagues

For managers:

- Has your work been well planned?
- Have the risks been assessed and acted upon?
- Have you confirmed everyone understands the plan and that your team are following the appropriate work methods?
- How do you protect yourself, your team and those around you?
- How do your actions make sure Everyone goes Home Safe Every Day?

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