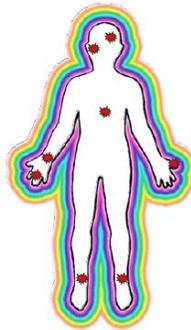


IP Track Delivery Alert TD05

Significant Safety Events

Background:

In the last weekend, several of our colleagues have been injured whilst conducting their normal duties. The extent of their injuries varies from Fractured Bones; Pulled/Strained Muscles to a Serious Eye Injury. Until we receive further information from the investigations here are some important points to consider in relation to each event. In essence a number of our colleagues **did not go home safe to their family**



The graphic shows the areas of the body which have been injured in our colleagues over the weekend.

They are further explained below.

Specific Safety Incidents:

- **IP Track - High Output Barrow on Soar:** ORR Reportable Accident, TRS2 System Manager was struck in or around the eye by fast clip housing whilst trying to remove it. First aid was provided on site. Following an operation the System Manager is now back on the ward and comfortable. We have been unable to find out any more about injury severity / long term impact but are aware he'll be in Leicester Royal Infirmary for a number of days.
- **IP Track - Colas S&C Colchester:** ORR Reportable Accident, Mark III clipper operator Torrent Trackside working for the South Alliance tripped over a stump in the UGL whilst walking to his machine and fell striking the left side of his face against a sleeper, he was knocked unconscious for a period of time. Immediate First Aid assistance was given and the IP taken to Hospital by an ambulance, he has since been visited by a Colas Manager who has made arrangements for him to be taken home.
- **IP Track - Colas S&C Taunton:** ORR Reportable Accident, Trackman at the Taunton S&C site tripped while carrying a set of fishplates. On arrival at hospital it was identified he has sprained his ankle, broken his finger and has severed a tendon in his hand requiring an operation. He was offered a bed overnight and an operation in the morning, but has elected to go to his local hospital Prince Charles in Merthyr to be treated.
- **IP Track - Babcock Plain Line Bletchington:** Accident, A track contractor fell into an unlit inspection pit, injuries to chest and ankle, taken to Oxford A&E, declared fit to continue no lost time event.
- **IP Track - Babcock Plain Line Brockenhurst:** Accident, It has been reported an IP from Excel hurt his right thumb whilst moving rail with iron man during his shift. Incident occurred at 0010 but IP did not report to anyone until he booked off site. His thumb has swollen & he has since been to Hospital and a cracked bone has been diagnosed.

Specific Operational Incidents:

In the last weekend we also had, two Operational Incidents which if the situation had been different could have resulted in further harm.

- **IP Track - AmeySersa S&C Garstang:** Cat A SPAD, The work had been successfully completed by the S&C North team and were ready to hand back at the scheduled time of 11:05 (after a late start because of late running passenger trains on the previous evening) , but the driver of 6L43 passed through the possession limit board and exploded two detonators before bringing the train to a stand. After consultation with DBS the driver was judged unfit to continue and was relieved on site. The event is to be followed up this week.
- **IP Track - AmeySersa S&C Kentish Town:** Near Miss Reported, A member of AmeySersa staff whilst working under Site Warden Protection crossed the 10ft rail of the UP Fast towards the Down Slow (open road) to recover a dropped item, at the time a train was passing. Train driver reported it to Derby Control and the site operatives reported to Amey Control.

Points to consider: Whilst the above events are fresh in our mind.

- How soon in the Planning did or do we identify on site risk (e.g. flying particles, open catch pits and tripping hazards)?
- How do we remove/control these risks once identified (e.g. is it possible to remove these hazards before the workforce gets to site)?
- Do we challenge the norm (e.g. what is stopping us from challenging risk)?
- In many of these events there was colleagues in the vicinity, discuss in your teams how many people observe the above and don't speak up, how can we encourage them to come forward and challenge or report?
- The importance of wearing the correct protective equipment.
- The importance of timely reporting of events and ***always*** before the completion of your shift

Action Required-

Within the next few days we want all site and office staff to have a conversation about the seriousness of these events, and to consider the potential for a similar event in your environment:

- Discuss the specific risks associated with underfoot conditions, manual handling of equipment and the consideration of the right tools for the job.
- We need to make everyone proud to be part of our Safety Culture Change and support them in achieving this.

In addition-

The Local and central H&S Teams will be happy to assist where possible in these conversations

On completion of the investigations we will share any learning specifically via the periodic S&SD Brief