

# S&SD INFORMATION

*IP Western & Wales*

## Safety Alert 13 - Train strikes access gate at Didcot

### Details:

At around 5pm on 5<sup>th</sup> January train 1C87 (15:57 hrs travelling from Paddington to Plymouth) struck an open access gate at Didcot Parkway at line speed causing damage to the power car and the leading three carriages.

It is believed the gates had been left unlocked and had blown open with one of the gates fouling the Down Main.

An investigation is currently underway to understand how the gate was left open and was able to foul the line when open



### Action Required:

- Ensure that access gates can not foul any operational lines. Immediately report any gates that can foul a line to fault control and ensure that they are padlocked closed.
- All persons accessing the track should be reminded of the vital importance of locking access gates behind them when entering or leaving to prevent trespass on the railway or the gates blowing open and causing damage.

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