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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

3 Railway Workers Die in M4 Crash

For the attention of all staff

It is with great sadness that we inform you of a road traffic accident on the M4 motorway which occurred on the Monday, 9 June 2014, resulting in 3 deaths and one worker left with critical injuries in hospital.

A Carillion Rail Resourcing crew van was involved in a collision with another vehicle, which tragically resulted in two of the occupants being pronounced dead at the scene. Two colleagues were transferred to Southmead Hospital in Bristol. Sadly one of these died of his injuries on the 12th June, the other remains in a serious condition.

All of our thoughts at this very sad time are with our colleagues who have been affected by this tragic accident and their family and friends.

The police are investigating the circumstances related to this incident and we will support the investigation by Carillion, our immediate concerns are for the wellbeing of anyone affected by this tragic event.

Whilst we are investigating the causes of the accident please consider the following when undertaking similar activities:

- Is time taken to plan each journey, considering:
 - the total time of both work shift and time travelling to and from site;
 - the weather forecast;
 - different road conditions when driving on motorways and other roads;
 - the time of day?
- Can dedicated drivers be utilised that are not part of the working team?
- Does everyone in the vehicle wear a seatbelt?
- Do you check your vehicle for roadworthiness before use?
- How do you check that all drivers are competent, with a current suitable license and company authority to drive?