

Serious physical assault

Issued to: All Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and RISQS registered contractors

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Overview

At around 06:00 on 19 June 2017 a serious assault occurred outside a Network Rail managed construction site. The incident involved a site manager working for a contractor.

When opening the site in the morning while alone, the site manager was stabbed in the chest after he declined to give his phone to a lone male wanting to rob him.

Luckily the assailant quickly left and the member of staff was able to contact his line manager and the emergency services. He was promptly taken to hospital where he received medical attention and has since been sent home to recover.

The event is under investigation by the Police and the contractor with full support from Network Rail. Once the investigation has been completed, further lessons learned will be shared.

Discussion Points

While we are investigating the incident please discuss the following with your team.

- Are you a lone worker, and do you know what control measures are available to protect you?
- How do you inform members of your team and your line manager where you are working?
- Is your calendar open and accessible to your line manager and members of your team?
- Think about where you are going – if you are not comfortable going alone for any reason, postpone the visit and speak to your line manager.
- If someone were to appear threatening or abusive to you, what steps would you take to keep yourself and others safe?
- Have you kept Oracle up to date so we are able to contact family in an emergency? Did you know you can also put emergency contact details into [MySentinel](#)?

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