



Infrastructure Projects Southern *Home Safe*

The Southern Region's Weekly Safety Update

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Another road traffic collision in our region...

In recent weeks we have shared details of a number of road traffic collisions in *Home Safe*. This serves as a timely reminder for everyone to take care whilst driving particularly now the weather is worsening. A recent incident occurred in the southern region when an operative who was driving to work in icy conditions vehicle left the road and ended up in a ditch. Thankfully the operative was not injured and once the vehicle was recovered he was able to continue with his journey to work.



...and take care when reversing – it could have serious consequences



Just a damaged car – this time



A fatality at Heathrow Airport

In a recent incident in the southern region a tipper reversed into a parked car. This may appear to be a minor RTC but reversing without taking proper precautions can have serious consequences.

In a previous incident, Southwark Crown Court heard that Philip's brother Paul accidentally reversed into his 38-year-old sibling when the pair were trying to move a broken down scissor lift on a service road at Heathrow Airport. Following the incident on 2 October 2014, Laing O'Rourke Construction Limited of Crossways in Dartford pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 22(1)(a) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007, was fined £800,000 and ordered to pay costs of £10,000.

#SmallTalkSavesLives

A new Network Rail campaign asks people to trust their instincts and look out for passengers who might need help. **Small Talk Saves Lives** has been launched by Samaritans, British Transport Police (BTP), Network Rail and train operating companies. A [short film](#) with details about how you could help save a life is available on the Southern Shield website.

If you experience any problems viewing this video email: Shield@networkrail.co.uk.

Manual handling incident

An anti-climbing guard spike punctured an operative's foot while being carried. The spike weighed approximately 11KG and was being lifted at ground level, out of the box that it was supplied in. Further information and actions taken as a result of this incident can be found in this [Network Rail Safety Alert](#).



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Home Safe

Update from Slade Green



In last week's *Home Safe*, it was reported that train depot staff noticed that there was no water supply the day after engineering works took place at Slade Green substation. During the subsequent repair of the water main, it was identified that the water main had been subject to a strike by the site team and this had gone unreported and a repair had been made to the pipe. The incident is still under investigation. A

photo of the temporary repair made by site team to the water main, which had been encased in concrete, is shown.

Do you always check for buried services before you start any excavations?

Door closers



The picture to the left shows the door closer of a porta cabin recently delivered to a site.

Did you know that in the past a number of hand and finger injuries have been caused by external doors slamming shut in high winds? In one example a person was standing in the site office doorway when a gust of wind shut the door.

Fortunately the impact was taken by the broom he was holding which saved him from suffering a serious injury.

The [Southern Shield Charter](#) mandates that all welfare cabins should be fitted with door closers to prevent external doors slamming shut and injuring staff in high winds.



Typical hand injuries caused by slamming doors. In extreme cases this can lead to amputation of fingers.

£1.2m fine after driver fatally crushed

National manufacturer and supplier of fitted kitchens, appliances and joinery products, Howden Joinery Ltd, has been fined £1.2 million after the death of a visiting HGV driver at one of its premises. Further details of this story can be found [here](#).

Do you ensure that visitors to your site are briefed and are in a position of safety at all times?

Best recognition

Site Engineer Colm Connely was presented with a Southern Shield safety bag by Civils Manager Dave Jarvis. Colm was awarded the goody bag in recognition of his proactive attention to safety on site. Colm said: "I always ensure all risks have been identified and mitigation is in place before I undertake any task". Well done Colm!



Product recall

Crossrail have recently been advised of a fault with the Holland Lift T210 Scissor. Further information can be found in this [Crossrail Safety Alert](#).

Be cautious

An operative was cut by a syringe on site. He was clearing debris on an escalator when he felt a sharp nick on his left middle finger. He took his glove off to have a look and he noticed a small cut on his finger. It was bleeding as a result of a perforation from a hypodermic needle. The operative was taken to the nearest hospital and the needle was quarantined and also taken to the hospital for testing.

As a result of this incident it is advised that a visual inspection of your working area is performed at regular intervals especially when clearing vegetation, rubbish or debris.

A [toolbox talk](#) giving advice about hypodermic needles can be found on the Southern Shield website.

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