

Target audience: All Trackside Workers



The Incident

A track worker, acting in the role of lookout, was nearly struck by a train leaving Redfern Station. The track worker walked into the path of a train when he moved to get a better sight line to a track warning light.

The train driver saw the track worker walk towards the track and applied emergency brakes. The track worker heard the train lose air and took evasive action. The train narrowly missed striking the track worker.

What you must do

This incident highlights three critical behaviours that you must display every time you are on track:

1. Never walk into the danger zone without first looking around for hazards including oncoming rail traffic.
2. Always look out for your workmates, we can become distracted at times and it may take a friendly reminder to your workmate to stay on task.
3. You must remain focused and vigilant at all times whilst you are on track.

Reference Material available from the RailSafe website:

- NWT300 Planning Work in the Rail Corridor
- NWT310 Lookout Working
- NPR711 Using Lookouts

If you have any questions talk with your Safety Representative or Line Manager.



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