

Track worker struck by train near Chalfont & Latimer station, Buckinghamshire, 15 April 2022

On publication of RAIB's report concerning a track worker struck by train near Chalfont & Latimer station, Buckinghamshire, on 15 April 2022, Andrew Hall, Chief Inspector of Rail Accidents said:

“Track worker safety continues to be an ongoing theme for the Branch. This accident is an alarming reminder that there is still work to be done to reduce the likelihood of track workers coming into contact with trains on parts of the railway. It cannot be acceptable that any member of staff be working on open lines with insufficient awareness of the direction a train might approach from.

“Reductions in the amount of work undertaken on lines open to traffic will lessen the risk to trackworkers; this is as true on London Underground as it is on mainline railways. However, some risk will remain. That is why the universal importance of good planning, clear safety procedures, effective leadership, site discipline and fulsome briefings cannot be overstated.”