You vs. Train

Everyone loses when you step on the track

Risks and the Railways:

looking from the outside in

An industry briefing guide

For the attention of:

- **Infrastructure Managers** – bodies responsible for the establishment, management, or maintenance of railway infrastructure (whether network, stations or track).
- **Railway Undertakings** – train operators licensed to provide services for the transport of goods and/or passengers by rail.
- **Service Providers** – third party bodies responsible for their own sidings, maintenance facilities, goods depots, marshalling yards, mines, quarries, ports and/or terminals.
- **The railway supply chain** – particularly those organisations whose staff work on or about the operating railway or at third party rail-connected facilities.

Overview

Railway trespass has a direct impact on lives, industry performance and all our customers. The railway is a near neighbour to many communities, yet so often the public are unaware of local trackside and depot risks. If access to the railway is not secure, it can lead to tragedy.

On 27 June 2017 11-year-old Harrison Ballantyne lost his life after straying onto the railway. His story and the subsequent legal case provide sobering lessons for us all. Though the industry has made great strides in improving trespass risk management since Harrison's death – in part through the 'You vs Train' campaign – the number of recorded trespass incidents on the railway network remains worryingly high, at around 19,000 a year.

We all have a part to play in reducing trespass; those who work on the ground inspecting perimeters, as well as those who allocate budgets to maintain secure sites have a key role. In fact, anyone who works in a live railway environment can play their part by being vigilant and challenging access risks - your actions can make a difference.

Our industry has a legal duty of care for the community in which we operate. Don't be afraid to challenge failures in lineside or depot security. Harrison's story is a potent reminder of what can happen if we fail to meet that legal duty.

Discussion points

- Is the place where you work secure? How is it secured and who is responsible for preventing unauthorised access?
- Your site is part of the local community. Do you know who your neighbours are?
- Is risk management about protecting what is on site from outsiders or protecting outsiders from what is on site? Is there a difference?
- How is risk management viewed where you work? Is it seen as a legal or moral obligation?
- Is there anything that you could do to help reduce trespass on the railway? If yes, do you need resource to help you?
- Can and should the industry be doing more to prevent trespass? Has this video made you think differently about this issue?

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