Risk Assessment - Emergency track inspection whilst working alone

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Emergency track inspection while lone working

Type	Hazard Cause	Persons Affected	Control Measures	L S T Overall	Additional Control Measures	L S T Overall	Owner/Action
Health and Safety	Injury or incapacitation whilst working alone Slips, trips, falls, injury or illness leading to incapacitation.	Volunteers & Staff	1) CRITICAL - Administrative: Use electronic sign-in system that can be tracked and select the 'lone working' option. - Effective 2) CRITICAL - Administrative: Sign in every hour to keep system active and aware of your work. - Effective 3) CRITICAL - Administrative: Always carry a charged mobile phone for communication. - Effective 4) CRITICAL - Administrative: Use gates and stiles to access pathways. Do not climb on fences. - Effective 5) CRITICAL - Administrative: Be aware of other traffic on the highway. Park and walk accordingly. - Effective 6) CRITICAL - Administrative: Only walk on surfaces where good footing can be assured. - Effective 7) CRITICAL - Administrative: Consult the DOO (on operating days) or the Operations Manager (on non-operating days) in advance to ensure no trains are running or to alert train staff to your presence. - Effective 8) CRITICAL - Administrative: Do not undertake any physical work, this RA covers inspection and marking of issues only. - Effective 9) CRITICAL - Administrative: If trains are running, contact the relevant signalmen to notify them of the start of the inspection to be undertaken and then again when the inspection is complete. - Effective 10) CRITICAL - PPE: Wear steel toe-capped footwear and hi-viz if walking on railway land. - Effective	2 x 2 = 4 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	1) Administrative: Only carry out lone working as a last resort if no other staff available to accompany - Effective 2) Administrative: Lone working can only be carried out during daylight hours - Effective 3) Administrative: Ensure that other PW management are aware that this activity is taking place. - Effective 4) Administrative: If entering a tunnel, a line block must be taken with the signalman and a torch must be carried. - Effective 5) Administrative: Under no circumstances can the inspector climb on any structure or equipment. - Effective 6) Administrative: Personal music equipment can not be used whilst carrying out the inspection or walking along the track or trackside. Stand in a position of safety before making a mobile phone call. - Effective	2 x 2 = 4 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	n/a

Score and Control Measure Notes.
Low risk if control measures followed.
All additional control measures must be followed.
Risk remains low.

COSHH Assessments

There are no COSHH assessments associated with this risk assessment.
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