Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc
Risk Assessment for Track Marking for identification purposes - Permanent Way

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Track Marking

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 Slips, trips, falls, injury or illness leading to incapacitation.	Volunteers & Staff	1) CRITICAL - Administrative: Use electronic sign-in system. - Effective 2) CRITICAL - Administrative: If working alone 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 styles 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 assurred. - Effective 7) CRITICAL - Administrative: Consult the Operations Manager, or on a running day, the DOO, in advance to ensure no trains are running or to alert train staff to your presence and discuss whether a line block or possession is required.. - Effective 8) CRITICAL - Administrative: If trains are running, contact the relevant signalmen to notify them of the start of the work to be undertaken and then again when the work is complete. - Effective 9) CRITICAL - Administrative: Lone working is only allowed by the Track Maintenance Manager at all times, or when trains are not running by all volunteers. - Effective 10) CRITICAL - Administrative: If using COSHH substances for the adhesive ensure that a relevant COSHH assessment is in place before starting work. - Effective 11) CRITICAL - PPE: Wear steel toe-capped footwear and hi-viz if walking on railway land. - Effective 12) CRITICAL - PPE: Wear gloves and eye protection when preparing the rail and fixing the markers - 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 worker climb on any structure or equipment. - Effective 6) Administrative: Mobile phones or personal music equipment can not be used whilst carrying out the work or walking along the track or trackside. Stand in a position of safety before making the 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.

Reference Documents

- GWR Track Marking - An overview of the justification, process, scope and cost.
- GWR Track Marking - An overview - updated 2025 -

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