



**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 Overall	S T	Additional Control Measures	L Overall	S T	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 assured. - 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 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	2 = 4	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 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	2 = 4	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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