Risk Assessment - Youth Group Signal Box Visits

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This risk assessment covers the practice of having groups of under-18s visiting signal boxes.

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A group of young people visit an operational signal box

Type	Hazard Cause	Persons Affected	Control Measures	L S T Overall	Additional Control Measures	L S T Overall	Owner/Action
Operations	The signalman on duty becomes distracted and causes an incident. This can happen when the behaviour of the young people is poor or they try to talk to the signalman while the signalman is dealing with a train.	Everyone	1) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young people to be given safety briefing before starting activity - Effective 2) CRITICAL - Administrative: An off duty signalman to accompany the group and manage the behaviour of the young people. - Effective 3) CRITICAL - Administrative: No young people under the age of 14 permitted to take part in box visits. - Effective 4) CRITICAL - Administrative: Limit of 6 young people per visit. - Effective	1 x 4 = 4 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	None	1 x 4 = 4 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	n/a
Health and Safety	A young person gets too close to a train or otherwise causes an incident and / or injures themselves while walking trackside. Some signal boxes can only be accessed by going trackside, this can happen when poor PTS practice is followed by the young people.	Volunteers & Staff	1) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young people to be fully supervised by PTS competent persons at all times. - Effective 2) CRITICAL - PPE: Young people to wear high-visibility clothing - Effective	1 x 4 = 4 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	1) Administrative: Young people to be briefed on correct PTS practice. - Effective	1 x 4 = 4 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	n/a
Breach of Law or Regs	A breech of safeguarding protocol occurs. This can happen when safeguarding practice is incorrectly followed or not followed at all.	Volunteers & Staff	1) CRITICAL - Administrative: Youth group organisers to ensure no safeguarding issues within signalling team on the day. - Effective 2) CRITICAL - Administrative: Young people always supervised by at least two adults. - Effective 3) CRITICAL - Administrative: Youth group leaders to be DBS checked - Effective	1 x 3 = 3 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	None	1 x 5 = 5 Low - Risk to be monitored to ensure it remains adequately controlled to an acceptable level.	n/a

COSHH Assessments

There are no COSHH assessments associated with this risk assessment.
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