



Work Safety Alert Struck by Maintenance Train

1. **Date of Accident :** August 2025

2. **Place of Accident :** A train depot

3. **Summary :**

A worker was struck by a reversing maintenance train while crossing a railway lane inside a train depot workshop and was later certified dead in hospital on the same day.

4. **Work Safety Alert for Proprietors/ Employers :**

To prevent any workers from being struck by moving trains in workplaces, proprietors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including the following precautionary measures:

- ensuring that trains under maintenance or repair are parked with parking brakes firmly applied and blocked by suitable wedges;
- fencing off the maintenance or repair work area, so far as is reasonably practicable, with suitable warning notices displayed and control measures implemented to prevent unauthorised entry to the fenced-off area;
- providing and maintaining safe walkways away from moving trains, and demarcating designated walkways for workers with suitable barriers and signage;
- displaying notices at prominent locations to alert workers to moving trains and the use of designated walkways;
- ensuring that every worker in the maintenance or repair work area is wearing a high-visibility or reflective vest;



- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for train maintenance or repair work; and
- providing all workers involved with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and relevant safety measures.

5. Reference¹ :

- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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