

Suicide Awareness Alert

This alert has been issued because of specific intelligence relating to suicide activity on the rail network which it is believed may prompt individuals to take their own lives.

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Issued by: Ian Stevens	

Applicable to: <i>(state route(s)/TOCs/other)</i>	All Network Rail routes and TOCs
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<p>Nature of alert:</p> <p><u>Suicide events in April 2015</u> There were 36 suicide/suspected suicide events on the rail network in April 2015 – 50% more than recorded the previous year and the highest number in any one month since records began.</p> <p>There is a concern that a similar number of events may be recorded across the rail network in April 2016.</p>	<p>Recommended action:</p> <p>Network Rail and TOC staff particularly those that interface with the public should be especially vigilant in respect of those showing signs of distress or upset on the network.</p> <p>At high risk priority locations it is recommended that Network Rail, TOC and private security mobile teams together with the BTP develop plans to minimise the potential for suicides at these locations.</p> <p>In recognition of the concern around suicides in April the BTP will be launching a special operation – Operation Avert – to help counter them. This will be coordinated by Chief Superintendent Paul Brogden. Details about the Operation will be shared with the industry as they become available.</p>
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BTP Suicide Prevention

Hotline - If rail staff have an immediate concern that a person might harm themselves on the railway they can call the BTP on **0300 123 9101**



Individuals requiring emotional support can call Samaritans any time, free from any phone on **116 123**

The rail industry's award winning suicide prevention Learning Tool can be found at: www.npspllearningtool.co.uk. Watching the 30 minute briefing module might just save someone's life.

The compiler of this alert should forward it to the NRNOC Duty Manager at:
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