

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: D Cook	


Applicable to: (state route(s)/TOCs/other)	Western GWR
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Nature of alert: <u>Double fatality at Ealing Broadway on 23 June 2015</u> At around 18:00 on 23 June 2015 a 16 year old girl and her 36 year old mother were struck by a train and killed at Ealing Broadway. The event saw extremely high levels of press and social media coverage, was witnessed by a large number of passengers and thousands of commuters would have been aware of it. Anniversary dates of 'sensational' events such as this one have the potential to attract vulnerable people to the same location to take their lives. This is known as social contagion.	Recommended action: Network Rail and TOC staff in and around the area should be briefed to be especially vigilant for anyone showing signs of distress or upset particularly during the evening peak. Consideration should be given to liaising with the BTP to increase policing in the area. The anniversary of this tragic event could also be marked at the station by members of the public leaving 'remembrance' or 'memorial' tokens. These should be removed at the earliest opportunity in line with the industry's guidance on 'Fatality memorials/tributes on the network'.
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Should you wish to comment on the content of this alert please contact Daniel Cook.

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.npsglearningtool.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: generic-NCC@networkrail.co.uk