

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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Applicable to: (state route(s)/TOCs/other)	London North Eastern – East Midlands East Midlands Trains
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<p>Nature of alert:</p> <p><u>A 17 year old boy took his life at Market Harborough station on 17 November 2015</u></p> <p>The boy was struck by an East Midlands Trains service at 08:51. The event led to considerable delays and service disruption throughout the day.</p> <p>This Alert has been raised because of the boys age and a known link between anniversary dates of ‘sensational’ events like this one and their potential to attract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• vulnerable people to the same location to take their lives;• well-wishers to the site to lay tokens of remembrance. <p>The event was widely reported in the local press.</p>	<p>Recommended action:</p> <p>Consideration should be given to stakeholder organisations visiting Market Harborough Station on the anniversary of the boy’s death to look-out for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• anyone (particularly young people) showing signs of distress or upset around the time of the event (08:51);• groups/individuals congregating around the station to pay their respects and the potential impact they could have on the safe operation of the railway;• any tokens of remembrance which in line with industry guidance should be removed promptly. <p>The provision of emotional support by Samaritans to customers on the day should also be considered.</p>
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Individuals requiring emotional support can call Samaritans any time, free from any phone on **116 123**

Should you wish to comment on the content of this alert please contact Ariane Ally.

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**



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:
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