

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 route/operator:	Wessex / South West Trains
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Nature of alert: <u>On 24 October 2015, a 17 year old male took his own life on the Feltham West crossing shortly after 18:00</u> <p>This tragic event involved a number of passenger witnesses as rugby fans were travelling back from an international game at Twickenham and were caught up in the disruption caused by this upsetting scene. For these reasons, along with the age of the boy involved, there are concerns that the anniversary of this event could possibly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">attract vulnerable people to the same location to take their own livesbring mourners to the site to hold vigils, which may impact upon the safety and operation of the railwaytrigger memories for rail staff and commuters involved in the incident	Recommended action: <p>Consideration should be given to Network Rail, staff of operators or BTP officers visiting the location of the incident around the time it took place to be on the look-out for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">persons showing signs of distress or upset who may be at risk of suicide, or mourners gathering in an acts of remembranceany tokens of remembrance, which in line with industry guidance should be removed <p>In addition it may be advisable to alert all FOCs and TOCs that have services passing through the Feltham West area of the potential for mourners.</p> <p>Managers of staff who may have been involved in the incident or could be affected by its anniversary should look for signs of trauma amongst them and offer support as per their organisation's welfare arrangements.</p>
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Support and additional information <p>Should you wish to comment on the content of this alert please contact Victoria Clent at victoria.clent@networkrail.co.uk</p>	BTP Suicide Prevention Hotline - If rail staff have an immediate concern that a person might harm themselves or be at risk on the railway they can call the BTP on 0300 123 9101
 <p>Individuals requiring emotional support can call Samaritans any time, free from any phone on 116 123</p>	
<p>The rail industry's award winning suicide prevention Learning Tool can be found at: www.nspsglearningtool.co.uk. Watching the 30 minute briefing module might just save someone's life</p>	
<p>To find out more about the rail industry's suicide prevention programme contact: suicidepreventionprogramme@networkrail.co.uk</p>	<p>The compiler of this alert should forward it to the NRNOC Duty Manager at: generic-NCC@networkrail.co.uk</p>