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Summary

On 14th June 2015, a COSS gave a Staffordshire Alliance workgroup permission to access the track without confirmation from the ES that possession of the site had been established, resulting in a significant near miss with a passenger train.

The COSS was aware that the possession was due to be taken at 23:45. However, at 23:50, whilst the workgroup were loading materials onto the Up Main track, a passenger service passed by on the Down Main.

An investigation into the circumstances of this event has been initiated. Whilst this investigation is being concluded and the causes are fully understood and addressed, the following action should be taken with immediate effect:

Until further notice, all COSS's, Machine Controllers and Crane Controllers are required to remain off track until the ES has established the worksite and confirms this face-to-face. Exceptions will not be accepted.

Actions / Key Messages

- Attitude – Never enter a worksite until definitive confirmation has been received that the worksite has been established.
- Influence – Never assume – it is always possible for plans and timings to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Seek face-to-face confirmation before entering a worksite.
- Management – Ensure all COSS / Machine Controllers / Crane Controllers are aware of this requirement and briefed accordingly.



Always be sure the required plans and permits are in place, before you start a job or go on or near the line.