

Event details

Date of incident: Tuesday 9th June 2026

Time of incident: 13:30

Location of incident: Gatwick Station

Route: Sussex

Discipline: Works Delivery (Civils)

Event description:

Waterproofing works undertaken on a flat roof area at height at Gatwick Station.

During the activity, an operative was observed sitting on the installed guardrail at the roof edge, placing the operative outside the designed protection zone and exposing them to a significant fall-from-height risk. The incident was photographed and escalated to the station manager, who notified Works Delivery of the incident.

Who was involved: Works Delivery Contract Staff.

Any injuries and updates on persons involved: N/A

Initial causes identified:

- Operative sat on the edge protection guardrail at roof level, misusing the system and placing themselves in an unsafe position close to the edge.
- Operative sitting on the guardrail rather than maintaining a safe working position.
- Failure of supervision to challenge unsafe behaviour.

Key issues for the investigation to consider:

- Review individual behavioural awareness and judgement.
- Understand the level of supervision, to include; understanding of supervisory responsibilities to identify and challenge unsafe behaviours.

Don't Wait – Act Now!

Whilst the investigation is ongoing, we do not need to wait to act.

Some simple reminders:

- Guardrails are for protection, not positioning or seating.
Sitting, leaning, or working outside guardrails is strictly prohibited.
- Unsafe behaviours must be challenged immediately.
- Visible supervision plays a key role in reinforcing standards.



Immediate actions taken

- Incident reported & recorded in accordance with company procedure
- Post incident D&A undertaken.
- Parties involved stood down from relevant duties
- Investigation initiated.

Could this happen in another location: Yes

DCP: Chloe Feeakings

Level of investigation: Level 1