

Event details

Date of incident: 22/05/2026

Location of incident: Battersea Park Station

Discipline: Works Delivery Telecoms

Event description:

While carrying out recovery works on site, a wacker plate (plate compactor), caught fire on the station platform after being refuelled.

There were no injuries and no damage sustained to the platform or surrounding structures. The incident did not impact on the operational railway.

Any injuries and updates on persons involved: No injuries sustained

Time of incident: 02:30

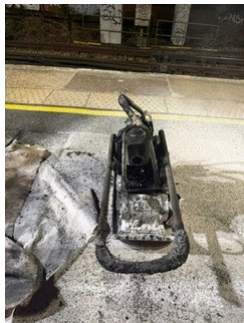
Route: Sussex

Don't Wait – Act Now!

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

Some simple reminders:

- Ensure that pre-use checks are carried out prior to works
- Ensure that refuelling is carried out correctly and spills are managed
- Ensure suitable fire fighting equipment is available on site



Initial causes identified:

- The cause of the fire is still to be determined by the investigation

Key issues for the investigation to consider:

- Suitability of the pre-use checks undertaken prior to works commencing
- Condition of the wacker plate prior to incident - were all relevant caps and hoses in good condition and correctly fitted
- Process in place for refuelling activities and post refuelling checks for spills completed
- Competence and training in place
- Sufficiency of fire fighting equipment on site
- Suitability of the refuelling and storage locations

Immediate actions taken

- Fire Brigade were called immediately.
- Operatives used two fire extinguishers on site to initially control and extinguish the fire.
- Fire Brigade used additional fire extinguisher on arrival before removing the wacker plate from the platform
- Signaller was notified.
- All works stood down pending investigation

Could this happen in another location: Yes

DCP: Chloe Fee kings

Level of investigation: Level 1