

Southern Significant Event Fast Facts - Sussex



Note: This document contains information understood to date (72hrs post incident) and information may change following investigation

Event Details: On 9th June 2026 a significant safety incident occurred involving a contract strapping team. Short circuiting straps made contact with a live conductor rail on the Down Wallington line. The incident resulted in serious injury.

The worksite was managed by Norwood Track; however, both the Engineering Supervisor (ES) and the strapping team were contractors.

The strapping team was tasked with assisting in setting up the worksite under the following activity: “T3-A – Place/Remove Short Circuit Devices, Detonators and Worksite Markerboards as briefed by the Engineering Supervisor/Level A Person @ Down Wallington 09M 27CH, Up Wallington 09M 42CH.”

The strap person received a verbal briefing from the ES, and the two-person team proceeded to set up the worksite.

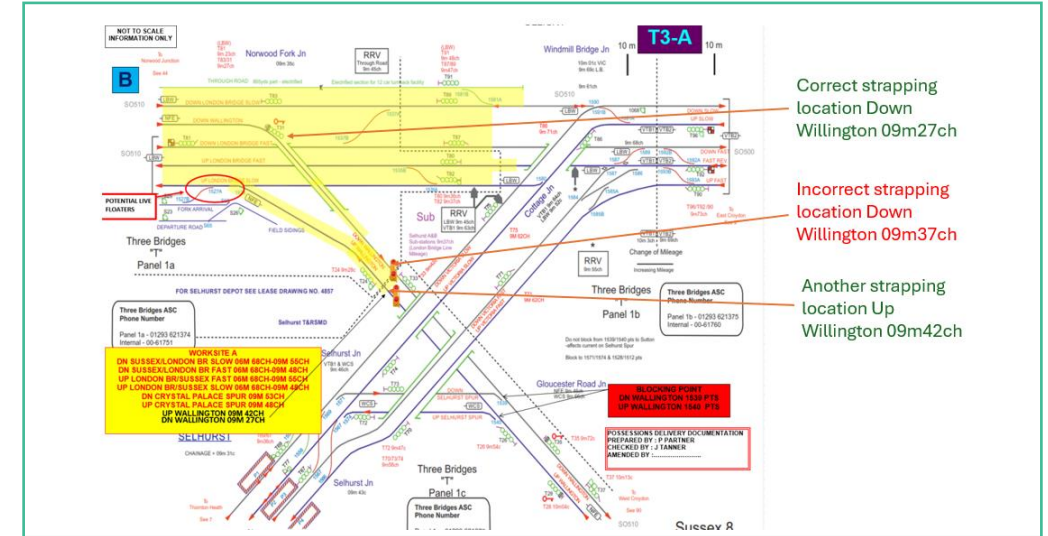
Initial reporting was unclear, with the event first described only as a “bang” during setup.

As details of the incident were uncertain, a Norwood Track supervisor attended site to assess the situation. **Essential tools that are required to undertake the task safely were missing from site.**

It was then established that the team had **installed a strap at the incorrect location**, placing it at **09m 37c instead of the planned 09m 27c.**

This resulted in the strap person sustaining **burns to their hands and wrist**, requiring immediate first aid and treatment of burns. The injured person was transported to Croydon University Hospital via ambulance.

Following an assessment of the seriousness of the incident, the **decision was made to cancel and dismantle the worksite.**



Key Investigation Subjects:

- Quality of verbal briefing.
- Use (or absence) of correct tools and PPE. (short circuiting bar, gauntlets, live-line tester).
- Familiarity with work location.
- Competence and experience of staff.
- Clarity of Safe System of Work.

- **Immediate Actions Taken**
- Injured party treated and attended hospital
- Both parties stood down
- Worksite cancelled and dismantled
- D&A was not conducted due to emergency services arrival.
- Initial statements and evidence gathered.
- Live Line tester - confirmed operational

Could this happen in other locations: Yes
DCP: Jordan Faulkner
Level of Investigation: Level 2
SE Reference: TBC