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A points run through recently happened on a Diamond set of points. The OTP was being supervised by a MC/CC and a TRS POS Supervisor on the night.

The POS Supervisor failed in his duties by not supervising the OTP travelling to site.

Instead the POS Supervisor told the MC/CC that he would drive around to the worksite as he would otherwise have had to walk two miles with the OTP.

The MC/CC and POS Supervisor were told that the route to site on the main lines was set for their intended direction of travel, however this was not the case as the diamond points were set in reverse so the OTP could not travel over them.

There were no Til Dawn Lamps on the Diamond points as it was not planned for them to be moved.

On approaching the diamond set of points, the MC/CC was preceding the OTP walking in the four foot of the adjacent line and did not stop the OTP prior to the points to thoroughly check they were set correctly for the intended direction of travel as shown in the picture below showing the moment before the OTP ran the set of points.

The MC/CC failed to carry out suitable checks on the points resulting in a points run through.



Remember;

- MC/CC's must always stop the OTP a minimum of 10 metres before any points and check they are set correctly before allowing OTP to travel over points even if they are told the route is set for them
- POS Supervisors must be with OTP all times when its working and travelling to and from site

Thank you for your cooperation and please ensure you acknowledge receipt of and adhere to the requirements contained in this bulletin.

IF IN DOUBT; STOP WORK AND CONTACT YOUR LINE MANAGER
Stop, Look and Think: Is It Safe?

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Our Lifesaving Rules

Safe behaviour is a requirement of working for Network Rail.
These Rules are in place to keep us safe and must never be broken.
We will all personally intervene if we feel a situation or behaviour might be unsafe.



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



Never use a hand-held or hands-free phone, or programme any other mobile device, while driving.



Always use equipment that is fit for its intended purpose.



Always test before applying earths or straps.



Never undertake any job unless you have been trained and assessed as competent.



Never assume equipment is isolated – always test before touch.



Never work or drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.



Always use a safety harness when working at height, unless other protection is in place.



Always obey the speed limit and wear a seat belt.



Never enter the agreed exclusion zone, unless directed to by the person in charge.

We will always comply with our Lifesaving Rules

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