

## Rail worker in danger as collision narrowly avoided

The Department for Transport's Rail Accident Investigation Branch is exploring why a train driver had to slam on his emergency brake to avoid smashing into a track worker in South Wales last month.

Just before noon on 2nd April 2019, a track worker was nearly hit by a passenger train at Ynys Hir, between Dovey Junction and Borth stations. The track worker was one of a group walking along the track to a railway access point. The train was travelling at approximately 95 km/h (59 mph) when the driver applied the emergency brake and was slowing down as the track worker moved clear just before the train passed.

The Rail Accident Investigation Branch has undertaken a preliminary examination into the circumstances surrounding the incident and on the basis of this is preparing a safety digest, to be made available on its website within the next few weeks.

