
ACCESS TO AND WORKING ON THE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE (TRACK SAFETY) POLICY

1. POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 This policy is part of British Transport Police (BTP) strategy to ensure that BTP Officers and staff are able to carry out their day to day duties as safely as possible, whilst also being aware of the impact that their presence (on or near the line) may have on the operation of the railway.

2. OVERVIEW

- 2.1 This policy applies to England, Wales and Scotland.
- 2.2 This policy applies to all BTP Operational police officers, Special Constables, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and police staff whose duties may take them on or near the line, such as crime scene investigators, contingency planners and those who are trained as loggists, etc.
- 2.3 This Policy has been developed following consultation across the railway industry in England, Wales and Scotland.

3. APPLICABLE DATE, MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 3.1 This policy is applicable from 28 March 2011.
- 3.2 This policy will be reviewed in March 2012.

4. OWNERSHIP

- 4.1 This policy is owned by the Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Operations.

4.2 Any questions and comments related to this policy should be directed to the Operations Department at BTP Force Headquarters.

5. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

5.1 This policy statement should be read in conjunction with the Access to and Working on Railway Infrastructure (Track Safety) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) (SOP/255/10).