

PROSECUTION

Summary	Network Rail were fined for breaches of health and safety law which led to a 10-years-old boys sustaining serious head injuries when the vehicle he was a passenger in was hit by a train on an unmanned level crossing near Beccles, Suffolk in 2010. The court heard the crossing did not have a phone in place so that people could check if trains were due. The train was travelling at 55mph (90km/h) when the vehicle was struck, throwing the boy from the vehicle where he sustained head injuries after landing on the track. ORR established that the crash was caused by poor visibility when people were crossing from the south side.
Company	Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd
Breaches involved	Health and Safety At Work etc. Act 1974, section 3(1)
Date(s) of offence	3 July 2010
Plea	Guilty
Result	Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd were fined at Ipswich Crown Court on 27 June 2013
Penalty	£500,000
Costs	££23,421

Location of offence

Address Wright's Crossing between Beccles station and Oulton Broads South station in Suffolk

ORR details

ORR Team Network Rail SE team
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