



Safety Alert

Razor Blades attached to Road Equipment

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Razor Blades attached to Traffic Management Signage & Frames

What Happened

There have been several reports in the Cumbria area that individuals are melting Razor Blades to Traffic Management signage and Frames with the intention to harm individuals who handle them during their work activities. Please be aware and cautious when altering and removing all Traffic Management on the Network.



How do we prevent injury?

- Ensure gloves are being worn during all work activities.
- Thorough visual Inspection of all Signage and Frames prior to handling.
- For night time works ensure Head Torch is being worn to visually Inspect the signs and Frames.
- Any reports of similar incidents near miss and feedback to your Local SHE Advisor.



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Stanley knife blade attached to TM Equipment.

During a maintenance check on a closure point on the A303 last week a Stanley knife blade was found jammed into the side of a cone.

This was early into the start of a night shift, but could easily have been missed and caused an injury when removing the job at the end of the night.

- Be Extra vigilant when moving TM equipment – especially where it can be easily tampered with by the public.
- Blades, glass bottles and needles are easily concealed on frames and cones and can cause severe injuries. There is a risk that needles and blades can be contaminated and can have long-term affects on your health.
- Safety gloves should be worn AT ALL TIMES.
- If you find equipment that has been tampered with, call your supervisor immediately. They will make arrangements to have the equipment dealt with safely and correctly. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE EQUIPMENT YOURSELF.**



The operative who found the blade was not injured, and the razor blade was disposed of safely using a Sharps box.