

SUMMARY (Google translate)

On 29-05-2022, a railway worker was hit by a high-speed train on the first main track section on line 6 between Ringsted and Vigerslev.

The railway worker walked in the track with his back to the train. He was walking on the railway in connection, with his work as Safety manager (Railway workers) for infrastructure work. The infrastructure work took place in one of the neighboring tracks (Kværkeby Station, line 1). The Safety manager was alone and died because of the collision.

AIB DK assesses that the Safety manager intended to cross three open lines on his way to the workplace, and had not been aware of the fact that there was a train coming from behind when he walked on the track.

As the requirement to designate access routes to the blocked tracks was not covered by applicable regulations (railway safety plan or otherwise), and passage in and by not closed neighboring tracks was apparently laid out to be possible on the basis of one's own assessment and responsibility, the risk of accidents and near misses increases.

It is AIB DK's assessment that the risk of accidents/near misses in connection with a railway worker's movement in and around busy neighboring tracks can be reduced if, in the planning phase, a decision is actively made as to where the safest access route to the workplace is, and/ or a ban is given to travel in particular places.

AIB DK recommends that the Danish Transport Agency (NSA) ensure that Banedanmark (IM) assesses whether in the description/planning of infrastructure works in general, consideration should be given to the need for directions for access roads and possible prohibitions against traffic in special tracks/areas where there may be increased risk for accidents, including collisions with persons.