

Buffer stop collision at Enfield Town



The train after the collision

At 08:21 hrs on 12 October 2021, a passenger train collided with the buffer stop on platform 2 of Enfield Town station. The train came to a stand with its front end raised on top of the buffer stop, which had become detached during the collision.

The train involved was the 07:45 hrs London Overground service from London Liverpool Street to Enfield Town, operated by Arriva Rail London. 75 passengers were reported as being on the train at the time of the collision. Two passengers received treatment at the scene for minor injuries.

Our investigation will seek to identify the sequence of events that led to the collision. It will also consider:

- Any factors that may have influenced the train driver's actions
- The training, supervision and management of drivers by Arriva Rail London
- The design and configuration of the buffer stops at Enfield Town station
- The processes used to assess and control the risk of terminal platform overruns at the station
- Any relevant underlying factors.

Our investigation is independent of any investigation by the railway industry or by the industry's regulator, the [Office of Rail and Road](#).

RAIB's investigation into this accident is complete.

Active legal proceedings are ongoing in relation to the accident and RAIB have received representations from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) about these proceedings. As a result of these representations, RAIB has decided not to place a copy of the final investigation report on our website at this time.

To allow the rail industry to start acting on RAIB's safety recommendations immediately, RAIB has sent embargoed copies of its final report to other public bodies, the rail industry and the parties involved. RAIB continues to

liaise with the CPS and will keep under review the decision as to when the final investigation report can be circulated more widely.

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