

# Passenger trapped in doors and dragged at Wood Street station

News story

Passenger trapped in doors and dragged at Wood Street station, north-east London, 14 January 2022.



CCTV showing the train and platform involved (image courtesy of Arriva Rail London)

At around 08:22 hrs on 14 January 2022 a passenger attempted to board a train which was about to leave Wood Street station. As they did so the train's doors closed, leaving the passenger standing outside the train, on the platform, with their hand trapped in the rear doors of the fourth car. The train subsequently departed from the platform with the passenger's hand still trapped in these doors. This forced the passenger to run alongside the train, which stopped after it had travelled for around 20 metres along the platform. The train's doors were then released, allowing the passenger to free their hand. It was reported that the passenger did not sustain any injuries because of the incident.

We have undertaken a [preliminary examination](#) into the circumstances surrounding this incident. Having assessed the evidence which has been gathered to date, we have decided to publish a [safety digest](#).

The safety digest will be made available on our website in the near future.

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# Holocaust Memorial Day Message 2022

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The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Holocaust Memorial Day Message 2022



On 27 January 2000, world leaders came together in Stockholm and declared this one day to be Holocaust Memorial Day.

Holocaust Memorial Day matters to all of us. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities supports the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust to commemorate this day each year, across the whole of the United Kingdom.

It is a day when we remember the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered during the unique evil of the Holocaust. And we pledge to fight antisemitism with renewed vigour.

It is a day when we remember the Roma, the disabled, gay men and political prisoners – all victims of the Nazi regime.

It is a day when we remember those murdered in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

It is a day when we recognise the miracle of survival and listen to voices lamenting tragic loss.

It is a day when we imagine a world free from genocide; a world which has fully recognised where hatred and intolerance, prejudice, and antisemitism can lead.

It is a day when we light our candles, not only to remember but to continue to drive out darkness and brighten the futures we build for our families, our neighbours, our communities, and our world.

**The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government**

## Newport bankrupt abused covid loan to fund drug habit

Louis Glyn Maxwell, 35, from Newport, was the sole trader owner of Mr Tow Recovery Logistics, a car breakdown recovery business in the Newport area. Established in June 2019, the business operated using a Jeep Cherokee and trailer.

In August 2020 he obtained a £50,000 Bounce Back Loan by overstating his projected income. Maxwell did in fact spend around £22,000 to purchase a new tow truck, but spent the remainder on Class A drugs. He then sold the new truck to also fund his habit.

At the time he was serving convictions for driving offences which meant he was not permitted to drive.

He subsequently filed for bankruptcy in August 2021, which triggered an investigation by the Insolvency Service.

On 18 January 2022 the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy accepted a six-year bankruptcy restrictions undertaking from Louis Glyn Maxwell.

As a result, he is under a number of restrictions, including not being able to borrow more than £500 without disclosing his bankrupt status, and he cannot act as a company director without the court's permission.

Maxwell is currently awaiting trial at Cardiff Crown Court on various charges including possession of drugs, driving offences, and theft.

Sue Toverly, lead investigator for the Insolvency Service, said:

Taxpayers' money was made available to help genuine businesses get through the lockdown period and where there have been abuses, we will not hesitate to take action.

### **Notes to editors**

Louis Glyn Maxwell is of Newport and his date of birth is January 1987.

Details of Louis Glyn Maxwell's undertaking is available on the [Individual Insolvency Register](#)

Bankruptcy restrictions are wide ranging. The effects are the same whether you are subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order or to an undertaking. Guidance on the main statutory consequences flowing from a [bankruptcy restrictions order or undertaking](#).

[Information about the work of the Insolvency Service, and how to complain about financial misconduct](#)

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# [Defence Secretary visits Netherlands, Germany and NATO Headquarters](#)

Press release

The Defence Secretary this week held meetings in The Hague, Brussels and Berlin, continuing a period of diplomacy over the situation in Ukraine.



Defence Secretary Ben Wallace meeting NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg

With the continuing Russian threat to the people and sovereignty of Ukraine, Defence Secretary Ben Wallace held talks with his counterparts in the Netherlands and Germany this week, as well as with the NATO Secretary General, to discuss a co-ordinated NATO response.

### **Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said:**

Germany and the Netherlands are great friends of the United Kingdom.

From my meetings with Ministers Ollongren and Lambrecht, and my discussions with Secretary Stoltenberg, I have no doubt that NATO is united in its determination to uphold European Security and that any further Russian invasion of Ukraine would be a strategic mistake met by swift and severe consequences.

After holding discussions with the Dutch Minister of Defence Kajsa Ollongren in the Hague, the Secretary of State travelled on to Brussels for talks with the Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, General Tod D. Wolters.

He then travelled to Berlin for his first visit since the formation of the new German government and the appointment of the new German defence minister, Christine Lambrecht. He was welcomed to the Defence Ministry by a military guard of honour before laying a wreath at the memorial.

The UK enjoys a close defence relationship with the Netherlands and Germany alike. The Netherlands is a member of the UK-led Joint Expeditionary Force – 10 nations working together to deliver forces at high readiness, across a range of roles, complementing NATO and European security.

Germany's Air Force, meanwhile, works with the Royal Air Force as part of NATO's air policing missions, while UK personnel are deployed alongside German armed forces as part of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Mali.

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## [New jobs mission to get 500,000 into work](#)

As we move out of the pandemic, with restrictions lifted and life returning to normal, the 'Way to Work' campaign will focus on getting job-ready people off Universal Credit and into work, rapidly filling vacancies which are at a record high.

Targeted predominantly at those in the intensive work search group on Universal Credit, Way to Work will support people back into work faster than ever before and filling vacancies more quickly. Latest figures from the ONS show that the demand for workers is there, with a record 1.2 million vacancies to fill, 59% higher than pre-pandemic levels.

To support people into work faster those who are capable of work will be expected to search more widely for available jobs from the fourth week of

their claim, rather than from three months as is currently the case.

This clearer focus will ensure that, if people are not able to find work in their previous occupation or sector, they are expected to look for work in another sector and this will be part of their requirements for receiving their benefit payment.

For the vast majority of people who are already engaging fully with Jobcentre Plus, this could be the extra support they need to secure a job. However, for the small minority who do not engage, the sanctions regime will operate as usual.

They will be supported in this with more time spent face to face with a Work Coach to receive better, tailored support. We know work is the best way for people to get on, to improve their lives and support their families because people are at least £6,000 better off in full time work than on benefits.

Work and Pensions Secretary Thérèse Coffey said:

Helping people get any job now, means they can get a better job and progress into a career.

Way to Work is a step change in our offer to claimants and employers, making sure our jobcentre network and excellent Work Coaches can deliver opportunities, jobs and prosperity to all areas of the country.

As we emerge from COVID, we are going to tackle supply challenges and support the continued economic recovery by getting people into work. Our new approach will help claimants get quickly back into the world of work while helping ensure employers get the people they and the economy needs.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak said:

It's important that everyone has the opportunity and support to find a good job to help them get on in life. That's why we're doubling down on our Plan for Jobs with this new campaign to harness the talent of jobseekers and support employers to fill vacancies, find work and create new opportunities.

Together we will boost this country's jobs-led recovery.

Building on the success of the flagship Kickstart Scheme, DWP will work with

a wider range of employers to cement positive relationships and show them the good quality of candidates coming through jobcentres.

This includes through direct engagement with employers across booming sectors like construction, haulage and logistics and social care, and over 350 jobs fairs mobilised across every region in the coming months. Major employers including Balfour Beatty, Whitbread Group, TalkTalk, Bourne Leisure, Ocado and Kier are already throwing their weight behind the campaign.

Ian Nicholas, Global Managing Director, Reed said:

We've been working closely with the Department for Work and Pensions for a number of years and in the drive to get people into work, this is now more important than ever. Working closely with the DWP has provided us with valuable access to people looking for work. Those not already working closely with the department should consider the benefits it can bring both for business and the UK economy.

Tony Ellender, Head of Professional Development, Balfour Beatty said:

Balfour Beatty is delighted to be working with DWP to promote our wide range of opportunities in construction.

Lisa Taylor, Head of Resourcing, Whitbread said:

Many of those who have joined us from the jobcentres during our time working closely together have gone on to build a successful career with us or maintain long term employment. At Whitbread, we passionately believe that by working together with Jobcentre Plus we can make a real difference to the lives of jobseekers in this country through our no barriers to entry and no limits to ambition approach, as well as being a force for good in our local communities.

Daniel Kasmir, Chief of People and Procurement at TalkTalk said:

We are happy to be working with DWP in exploring all recruitment solutions to look to fill our vacancies and will continue to do so with this push for jobs.

Bleu Stessia, Kickstart Manager, Haven.com said:

Work Coaches have enabled us to link with over 50 jobcentres across the UK supporting our parks from Scotland to Cornwall.

Understanding the great opportunities in hospitality, the DWP has also provided extensive support for our recruitment programme referring candidates and providing, support for interviews, for assessment days and job fairs.

## **Further information**

Under existing rules claimants have 3 months to find a job in their preferred sector before facing the prospect of sanctions. New rules will mean that sanctions could begin 4 weeks after their initial UC claim, if they're not making reasonable efforts to find and secure a job in any sector or turn down a job offer.

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