

# Summary of Safety Performance



Rail Safety & Standards Board

## January 2007

### Fatalities

There were no accidental workforce or passenger fatalities in January.

During the month, nine public fatalities occurred, four of which were at level crossings. Eight of the fatalities were to trespassers.

On 1 January, a male was struck on Paggetts footpath level crossing (South East). It is believed that he was playing 'chicken' and under the influence of alcohol.

On 15 January, a female youth was struck at Johnstown foot crossing (Western). She was in a group of youths who had been playing 'chicken' on the crossing.

On 24 January, a passenger was struck on Wokingham manually controlled barrier level crossing (South East). The young male climbed over the barriers to join a train in the up platform and was struck by a down train.

On 25 January, an elderly lady was struck on Doddington Road footpath crossing (London North Eastern).

There were 10 suspected suicides recorded during the month. These figures are subject to change as more information (eg coroners' verdicts) becomes available.

### Reportable train accidents: collisions, derailments and trains striking road vehicles on level crossings

On 2 January, a road vehicle was struck by a passenger train at Dingwall Middle automatic open level crossing (Scotland). The train did not derail and no injuries resulted from the impact.

On 11 January, a passenger train struck the buffer stop at West Kerby station (London North West). Extensive damage to the station forced its closure. There were no passenger injuries, although the driver and guard suffered minor injuries.

During January, there were six train derailments, involving two freight and four passenger trains:

- On 4 January, a freight train derailed at Edinburgh Waverly (Scotland).
- On 13 January, a freight train driver passed a signal at danger (SPAD) while shunting and derailed at Aberdeen (Scotland).
- On 13 January, a passenger train derailed after a tree stump caused a landslip at Merstham (South East). There were no injuries to the train occupants.
- On 15 January, another tree and landslip caused a passenger train to derail at Duncraig Halt (Scotland). There were no injuries as a result of this incident.
- On 15 January, a retaining wall collapsed and caused a landslip which derailed a passenger train at Kemble (Western). There were no reported injuries.
- On 18 January, a passenger train struck a tree at Hookagate and derailed (Western). There were no reported injuries to passengers or staff.

### Precursors

During January 2007, there were 18 category A SPADs. This is three fewer than were recorded in January 2006. (Note that this figure is provisional until all cases have been agreed with the relevant parties.)

Of the 18 category A SPADs in January, six were risk ranked 16+ and two were ranked as potentially severe (20+).

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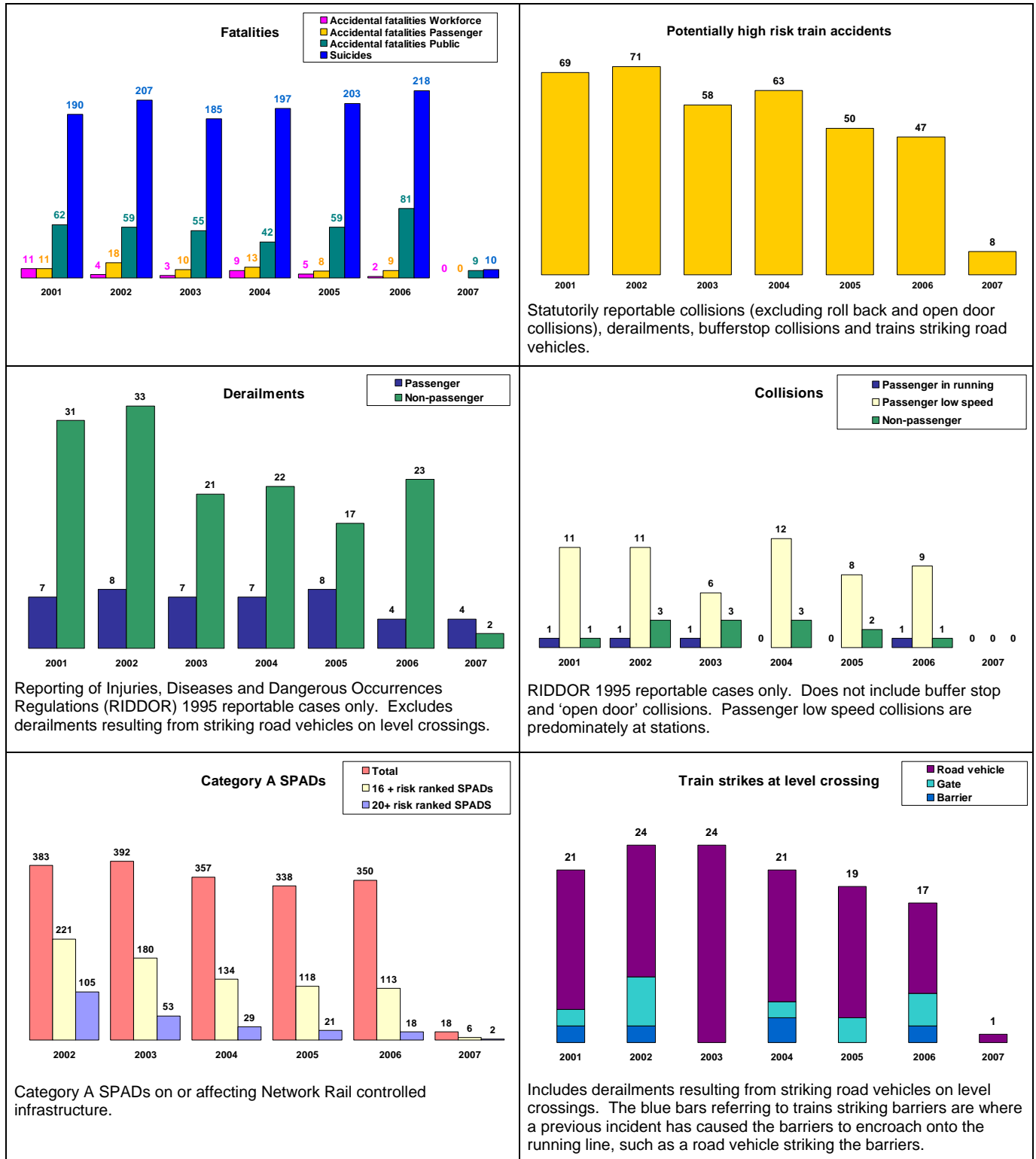


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During January 2007, there were 113 category B, 12 category C and no category D SPADs, giving a total of 125. There were 124 in January 2006.

There were 28 broken rails in January 2007. This is 17.5% lower than the total for January 2006.

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