

# Bulletin of General Information

Rail worker hit by a passenger train  
Bleret - 27/10/2023

## DOCUMENT VERSION TABLE

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# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

## 1.1. NATURE OF THE EVENT

A subcontractor's worker hit by an SNCB/NMBS train.

## 1.2. TYPE OF EVENT AND SAFETY INVESTIGATION

Significant accident: the safety investigation is on-going.

## 1.3. DATE AND TIME OF THE EVENT

27/10/2023 – 01:27 a.m.

## 1.4. PLACE OF THE EVENT

Bleret (Waremmes), on line 36 (~ kilometre marker 77.807)

## 1.5. TRAIN

SNCB/NMBS passenger train - E522  
(Oostende (11:07 p.m.) – Liège-Guillemins (01:51 a.m.))

## 1.6. VICTIMS

A worker of the subcontractor is seriously injured.

## 1.7. DAMAGES AND CONSEQUENCES

The accident caused:

- Minor damages to the locomotive;
- Train delays.



## 2. FACTS

During the night of Thursday 26 to Friday 27 October 2023, works are carried out on track B of line 36 at Bleret: these works are carried out by the subcontractor Mobix and involve placing catenary supports outside the track. Track A is not affected by these works and traffic is not interrupted.

Just before 01:27 a.m., a worker of the team finds himself in the gauge of track A for a reason yet to be determined by the investigation.

At around 01:27 a.m., an SNCB/NMBS train runs on track A and hits the worker: seriously injured, he is taken to hospital by the emergency services.



## 3. INVESTIGATION

The investigator of the Rail Accident and Incident Investigation Unit (RAIIU) went to the scene of the accident to make initial findings.

In order to determine the contributing, organisational and systemic factors that led to the accident, the RAIU decided to open a safety investigation.



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