

# Bulletin of General Information

Collision of a shunting locomotive  
with an empty, parked passenger train  
Schaerbeek Marshalling yard R - 13/05/2024



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# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

## 1.1. NATURE OF THE EVENT

Collision of a locomotive during a shunting operation with an empty, parked passenger train.

## 1.2. TYPE OF EVENT AND SAFETY INVESTIGATION

Accident with limited safety investigation.  
The safety investigation is ongoing.

## 1.3. DATE AND TIME OF THE EVENT

13/05/2024 at 11:11 a.m.

## 1.4. PLACE OF THE EVENT

Schaerbeek Marshalling yard R  
Line 27E/1, track 727



## 1.5. TRAIN

SNCB/NMBS locomotive HLR 7755  
SNCB/NMBS passenger train ER415 (locomotive type 18 + 8 carriages M6 + locomotive type 18)

## 1.6. VICTIMS

Three railway employees were injured.

## 1.7. MATERIAL DAMAGES AND CONSEQUENCES

Damage to buffers of the first locomotive of train ER415 that was hit.  
Traffic blocked from track 726 up to and including track 729 at marshalling yard R in Schaerbeek, until 02:09 p.m.

## 2. FACTS

On Monday 13 May 2024, the empty passenger train ER415 (SNCB/NMBS) is parked on track 727 of marshalling yard R in Schaerbeek. ER415 must be taken to the carwash the same day.

Just before 11:11 a.m., shunting locomotive HLR 7755 departs from track 720 at marshalling yard G in Schaerbeek to track 727 of marshalling yard R in Schaerbeek to couple with ER415 and then take ER415 to the carwash with a pushing movement.

At around 11:11 a.m., the driver of locomotive HLR 7755 collides with the head of ER415 on track 727 at marshalling yard R in Schaerbeek while carrying out the shunting operation. Three SNCB/NMBS railway employees are injured and the front locomotive of ER415 is damaged.



## 3. INVESTIGATION

Investigators from the RAIU went to the scene of the accident to make initial findings and gather initial information.

The investigation into the accident is ongoing to determine the causal and contributing factors to the occurrence, including both immediate and deeper systemic factors.





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