



Havarikommisjonen

Accident Investigation Board Denmark

2026-1, Summary, Conclusion and Recommendations



Person hit by a train near Frederiksværk on 31-12-2025

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PREFACE

The Danish Accident Investigation Board for Civil Aviation and Railway (the Accident Investigation Board) is an independent government body whose purpose is to investigate accidents and incidents within the aviation and railway sectors.

The Accident Investigation Board investigates railway accidents and incidents with a view to improving railway safety and preventing accidents.

In accordance with the Danish Railway Act, this report sets out the Accident Investigation Board's investigation and safety assessments of the circumstances of the accident or incident, as well as its causes and consequences.

The investigations are conducted solely for railway safety purposes and are not intended to apportion blame or liability. Accordingly, any use of this report for purposes other than improving railway safety or preventing railway accidents and incidents may lead to erroneous or misleading interpretations.

This document contains an English translation of the chapters Summary, Conclusion and Recommendations from the published Danish investigation report.

The full report in Danish can be found under this link:

<https://havarikommissionen.dk/undersogelsesresultater/soeg-i-jernbane/2026/statement-2026-1>

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1 SUMMARY

On 31 December 2025, a person was struck and fatally injured by a passenger train shortly after the train had departed Frederiksværk station towards Hillerød. The accident occurred at approximately 17:17 on a section of track with no public access.

The train driver observed something on the track approximately 20–30 meters ahead and immediately applied the emergency brake. Due to the short distance, the collision could not be avoided. At the time, it was dark, the track curved away from the station, and the train was accelerating at a speed of approximately 75 km/h.

The person had previously left Nordsjællands Hospital in Frederikssund in a weakened and confused state and had subsequently been reported missing to the police. The investigation could not establish the circumstances leading to the person being on the track.

Following its initial investigation and assessment of the available information, the Accident Investigation Board Denmark decided not to conduct further investigations, as these were not expected to lead to preventive safety recommendations or reveal matters of significant importance to railway safety.