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## Railway accident



Two track repairers began to repair the track - with permission - at points early evening, in dark. While doing their work, a locomotive - running towards a depot - ran over them. One of them died at the site of the accident, the other suffered serious injuries.

<u>Factual</u> <u>statements</u> <u>directly</u> <u>connected to the occurrence of the</u> <u>accident</u>

When performing such work at the points, no vehicles should have been running on the given track, however, the track repairers had not

asked for track closure.

The locomotive was permitted to run (shunt) on the points being repaired by the workers. The engine-driver was not informed about the repair work.

The accident could have been avoided if the engine-driver had kept the speed limit and paid more attention. The workers should also have been more attentive.

## Other risk factors

The working area was not secured and signposted with the required signs. The set speed limit was not in harmony with the signalling regulations.