

**NOTE** 

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## Summary of 2024-326 Person fatally injured by light rail train in Aarhus 22-06-2024

Accident Investigation Board Denmark (AIB-DK) was notified of a fatal accident from Østjyllands Politi 22-06-2024 at 12:15 (PM).

A Light Rail Train (LRT) was driving up the Nørrebrogade hill where the tracks run in between the two-by-two road lanes, as a person began to cross the road lanes possible with the intention to cross the entire road/rail infrastructure.

The person, an elderly male with a stooped posture, did not orientate himself about the oncoming road and rail traffic. A bus driver, driving in the first road lane, did not have to reduce the speed of the buss to avoid collision. The bus driver reckoned that the person would have been at risk for being struck by a vehicle in the second lane, if any had been there. Therefore, the bus driver sounded the horn. The person continued in his path without change in speed or direction.

As the driver of the LRT (LRTD) observed the person appear in front of the bus and enter the second road lane, the LRTD was under the impression that the person had seen the oncoming LRT. The LRTD sounded the horn twice but the person did not react. As the LRTD assessed that the person would come too close to the path of the LRT, emergency brakes was applied, but a collision was at this point unavoidable.

The course of events has been established by OTCCTV (On Train Closed Circuit TeleVision) and by witness statements.

After carrying out the above investigation and evaluating the available data, AIB-DK finds no basis for issuing safety recommendations.

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