

STONETHROWING CAN KILL

Trains are being endangered in this area by children throwing stones. We are very concerned that someone is going to be seriously injured, even killed - you should be concerned too.

Even a small stone thrown at a moving train can have the effect of a bullet. Several thousand incidents of stone throwing are reported around the country every year. We have had cases of train crew and passengers ending up in hospital, their faces cut to ribbons by shattered glass - it could be your dad or mum, sister or brother.

Stone throwers often put themselves at risk by trespassing on railway property.

WHO PAYS FOR STONETHROWING?

You do. If trains are damaged, they have to be withdrawn. If track and signalling equipment are disrupted, trains cannot run - your train service suffers and your fares pay for the repairs.

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?

We can all help to solve this problem. Docklands Light Railway staff and the British Transport Police can help by being vigilant, through education programmes in schools and catching offenders. Parents can help by making sure their children are not putting peoples safety at risk. And young people themselves can help by respecting the railway and the trains and by encouraging their friends to do the same.

WHAT CAN I DO?

We don't want to prosecute people, we would rather prevent these offences. However, THESE ARE SERIOUS OFFENCES and the penalties for endangering safety are very severe - up to life imprisonment in the worst cases.

Don't let your family or friends put themselves and other peoples safety at risk. If you see someone throwing things at a train or trespassing on the railway call the British Transport Police free on 0800 252525 and help make the Docklands Light Railway a safer place. Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence.



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