



newsnight

News and information for Night Tube staff - August 2016

Night Tube: the journey begins

PART TIME

PART OF THE UNION

Night Tube is finally upon us, with a 'dummy run' on Friday 12 August and the real thing starting a week later on the Central and Victoria lines.



There have been several false starts to Night Tube, and still no sign of it starting on the other lines. The delays were caused by management (and initially ex-Mayor Boris Johnson) trying to impose Night Tube without the unions' agreement and without regard to your rights and safety.

RMT (and other unions) campaigned long and hard, both in talks and through strike action, to win much better conditions for Night Tube to run.



By being part of the union, you can help to maintain and improve these conditions

RMT is a union for all grades of railway workers, wherever and whenever you work. We are a union of and for Night Tube staff as much as for all other staff.

Dummy Run

The Night Tube dummy run is taking place on Friday 12 August. During this night a number of 'operational incidents' will be put on to test the reliability of the system. This is not designed to test staff, and you can't 'fail' the process. There will be lots of managers on the lines to observe and support staff.

RMT reps will also be available. Contact them with your questions and concerns!

Drivers (Central line):
Adrian Rowe 07515-500139

Drivers (Victoria line):
Gary Doyle 07830-221543

Station staff:
Dave Pittman
07543-942577

KEEPING SAFE ON STATIONS

RMT Stations Health & Safety Council reps have raised these issues with the company:

- Running stations with partial Night Tube: closing non-Night Tube areas, including with 'turtle gates'; possible public access to areas which are supposed to be closed.
- Upholding minimum numbers at stations, whether fully or partially open.
- The security impact of having few staff on duty; lone working on surface stations.
- Review of all risk assessments and CCEPs at all affected stations.
- Adequate police response.
- Monitoring assaults on Friday and Saturday nights.

We are pursuing all these issues. Please tell your health and safety reps if you have problems with any of these issues - or any others - at your station.



- If something unexpected happens: Stop! Think! Remember your training!
- Know your rights: familiarise yourself with the Framework and other policies and agreements.
- Check the union noticeboard at work and speak with your RMT rep.

Station staff:

- Do not put yourself in the way of ticketless travel and gate-jumping.
- Do not put yourself in any possible danger to assist the company. If you feel threatened, move to a place of safety.
- Do not be out on platforms or ticket halls if lone working on outside stations.
- Remember your minimum numbers: staff must be on the station to count.
- Take your meal break: you must have a meal break within five hours of booking on.
- You have a right not to be abused, assaulted or (as happens especially to women) hugged or groped. Get to a place of safety, get help, report it.
- Staff on ends of lines managed by CSM3 grade who will be without any managerial assistance during night duties: make sure you have contact details of service control and/or DRM who can assist.
- Record instances of abuse on the WAASB app.
- Very important: for any incident, make sure an EIRF is completed.

Drivers:

- Don't allow yourself to be pressurised. You're better off running a few minutes late than acting quickly and making a mistake.
- Managers are not always your friends. They may ask you to cut corners to speed up the service, but remember you are in charge of your train - your main priority is safety.
- When in doubt check your Drivers' Handbook.
- If you pass a signal at danger always contact the Line Controller and act on instructions.



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