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**Freedom of Information Request 284/24**

**You asked us…**

**Can you provide details on the number of SPADs or signals passed at danger by TFW trains for the last 5 years. As i believe there are different types of SPAD such as those where a driver simply drove through a danger signal in error or in circumstances where the signal changed at a moment when the driver was unable to stop in time for the signal. Please could you provide the numbers for both of these circumstances and if possible the causes of the SPAD in each case.**

**RESPONSE**

The number of SPADs or signals passed at danger by TFW trains for the last 5 years. – 97 SPaDs

The different types of SPaDs were -

* + Cause not known – 7
  + Environmental Conditions – 4
  + Human Performance Factors – 41
  + Error or violation – 41
  + Infrastructure, vehicles, equipment and clothing – 2
  + Verbal communication – 2

We hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Transport for Wales**

**Appeal Rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the Head of Freedom of Information at either Transport for Wales, 3 Llys Cadwyn, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH or [freedomofinformation@tfw.wales](mailto:freedomofinformation@tfw.wales). Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

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