# Rail Safe Transcript

STEVEN SCOTT: A new official report has shown that up to 15 per cent of people falling onto railway tracks are blind or partially sighted. Some of these incidences result in life threatening injury, or death.

CLEVELAND’S PARTNER: They sat in the living room and they put Cleveland’s National Insurance card on the table and they put his Freedom Pass on the table and then they said to me we're afraid to tell you that Cleveland fell off the platform in front of the train he was trying to catch.

It seems that he went too close to the edge of the platform because of the lack of tactile pavement. It was a horrendous way for anyone to die.

STEVEN SCOTT: Only around half of mainline train stations have tactile paving at the edge of the platform, an essential safety feature for blind and partially sighted people.

CLEVELAND’S PARTNER: Cleveland and I met in the year 2000,

when Cleveland had just lost his eyesight. We loved each other very much. He was a very lively, energetic, loving guy. All the time I have visions of him falling.

When the report was published and I found out that he was conscious for the first seven minutes under that train, it broke my heart. It's very painful. I miss him every single minute of every single day.

He loved coming here to Greenwich Park and he was very confident

at travelling independently.

He was one of the good guys. Cleveland wouldn't have wanted anything like this to happen to anyone else. And that's why we need to do something about it.

There should be no train platforms without tactile paving and it is unacceptable that it took a senseless tragedy to bring attention to its vital importance.

CLEVELAND’S PARTNER: I'd like to ask you to take two minutes to fill out the RNIB petition, which calls on the Government and Network Rail to increase rail safety for blind and visually impaired people travelling on the network in the UK.

STEVEN SCOTT: Safety at rail stations needs to be addressed urgently. To sign RNIB's petition, visit rnib.org.uk/rail-safe and share the petition on social media using #RailSafe.

VOICE-OVER: RNIB. See Differently.

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