

# Minor derailment in Burlington rail yard

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Three CN railcars carrying rock derailed in the Aldershot rail yard in Burlington around midnight Monday.

The rail cars remained up right and there is no danger to the public, said CN Rail spokeswoman Lindsay Fedchyshyn.

The cars were carrying ballast, a type of rock that is commonly used to lay railroad track beds, and is not considered a dangerous good, Fedchyshyn said.

The incident was reported to the Transportation Safety Board, which declared it a Class 5 incident, meaning it was not worthy of investigation.

According to Don Mustard, regional investigator for the TSB, the agency receives between 1,500 and 2,000 reports per year, many of which are so minor they deem them not worthy of investigation.

“Some of them are stuff that is significant enough to go out on. This one wasn't,” Mustard said. If a pattern emerges in the database, he said the agency would investigate further.

According to the TSB, a train that was in the yard came off the track when it passed over a “frog” — a railway term that refers to the crossing point of two rails. It's unclear what exactly made the train come off the track, said Mustard.

CN Rail is investigating the incident internally. Fedchyshyn also said that it would not affect commuter traffic on the Lakeshore West line and there were no injuries.

The derailment occurred near the same area where a [Via Rail train derailed in 2012](#), killing three people and injuring 42 passengers.

In that accident, all six passenger cars derailed just east of Aldershot GO station in Burlington.