

# GAZET VAN ANTWERPEN

## Dock worker is killed in an accident at work in Antwerp harbor



Het ongeval gebeurde bij Zuidnatie aan het Churchilldok. FOTO: BFM

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At Zuidnatie in the port of Antwerp at the Churchill dock, a 53-year-old dock worker was killed in a work accident on Friday. He got a heavy steel tube on him.

The accident happened a little after noon. "When unloading tubes with the fork lift, a tube started rolling and ended up on a worker", says Percy De Middelaer, trade union representative of BTB-ABVV. "Since those tubes weigh 1000 to 1500 kg, the dock worker was instantly dead. It is a man of 54 years, with 15 years of experience in the port. "

He could be released before the fire brigade was on the spot, but died on the spot. The shipping police, employers' organization Cepa and the Welfare at Work department of the labor prosecutor of the Antwerp prosecutor's office started an investigation.

It is the third fatal accident with a dock worker this year.