

Father of two dies in workplace accident on pier at Dublin Port



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A father of two who died in a workplace incident at Dublin Port yesterday has been described as an "amazing guy" and a "top bloke" by friends.

The man, named locally as James Byrne who was in his late 30s and from Lucan, Dublin, was rushed to the Mater Hospital yesterday morning following an accident but was later pronounced dead.

While the exact details of the incident are as yet unknown, it is believed work on moving steel beams may have been taking place at the time. An investigation by the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) is now under way into the accident, while separate investigations are expected by Dublin Port and Mr Byrne's employers.

A friend and former colleague described him as "an absolutely amazing guy".

"He was just a great guy, really amazing. I am still in shock at the news. He will be a really big loss," the friend added.

Another friend also paid tribute to Mr Byrne. He said he was "a top quality bloke who always made me feel welcome when I started".

Gardaí and the emergency services were called to Ocean Pier shortly after 11.30am.

An examination of the scene was carried out by officers and inquiries are ongoing.

"Gardaí in Store Street are investigating the sudden death of a man in his 30s following a workplace incident in Dublin Port," a garda spokesman said.

"The Health and Safety Authority and the local coroner have been notified."