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Port of Auckland closes container terminal after major accident





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Port of Auckland has temporarily closed its container terminal after a port worker was severely injured after a straddle carrier he was operating overturned early this morning.

Emergency services extracted the worker from the truck and sent him to Auckland Hospital where he is in a critical condition.

According to Wayne Thompson, acting chief executive of Ports of Auckland, the cause of the incident is not yet known and a full investigation is under way.

"Our primary concern is for the welfare of our colleague and we are doing everything we can to look after him and his whanau, friends and colleagues," Thompson said.

The container terminal will remain closed until at least Tuesday morning.