

Such a gentleman' - dad who died in port accident

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This is the face of the father-of-two who died after a workplace accident at Dublin Port.

James Byrne, who was in his late 30s and from Lucan, was rushed to the Mater Hospital after the incident. He was later pronounced dead.

Mr Byrne's devastated family were yesterday attempting to come to terms with his sudden death. He has been described as an "amazing guy" and "top bloke" by friends.

The exact details of the incident are as yet unknown, but it is believed Mr Byrne may have sustained serious injuries while some steel beams were being moved.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Authority is set to get under way into the accident.

Paying tribute to Mr Byrne, co-worker Andrew Slevin said: "He was always a great worker.

"He was always there to lend a hand and advice if anyone needed it. Such a gentleman and a lovely man."

Another friend and former colleague said Mr Byrne was "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."

Another friend said: "He was a top quality bloke who always made me feel welcome when I started."

Investigating

Gardai and emergency services were called to Ocean Pier shortly after 11.30am on Wednesday.

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

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

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