

## Man 'crushed to death' in accident at North Lincolnshire port

A 54-year-old man has died following an accident at the Groveport site on the River Trent at Gunness

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**A man has died after an industrial accident at the Groveport site on the River Trent at Gunness** (Image: David Lee Photography)

A man has died after an accident at a North Lincolnshire port.

Health and Safety Executive officials are investigating the tragedy, which happened at the Groveport site on the River Trent at Gunness.

Police have confirmed a 54-year-old man died following the accident, which happened yesterday afternoon.

It is understood he was crushed by a four-tonne iron girder which was being operated by a crane when it collided with the worker.

The man is believed to be from the Haxey area and was working to load a boat with girders.

Dock operator PD Ports, whose head office is in Middlesbrough, suspended operations at the site for investigations to take place and for all staff to be interviewed, including the crane operator.



**The Groveport site, run by PD Ports, at Gunness in North Lincolnshire** (Image: Google Maps)

A spokeswoman for PD Ports said: "We can confirm that an industrial accident occurred at our Groveport operations yesterday afternoon. Tragically a much liked and valued colleague was fatally injured in the accident.

"A comprehensive investigation commenced immediately following the accident and is continuing. We continue to offer active support to the investigating authorities. Our thoughts are with our colleague, his family, friends and other colleagues. Operations at Groveport have been suspended."

The firm has recently received an award from the North Lincolnshire Health and Safety Group for its work in protecting staff at work and achieving safety standards above the nationally-required level. The award was made in February.

An [East Midlands Ambulance Service](#) spokeswoman said: "We received a call at 2.18pm to Grove Wharf in Gunness, near [Scunthorpe](#). The caller reported that someone was experiencing a medical emergency.

"We sent a LIVES Community First Responder, two paramedics in ambulance cars, a crewed ambulance and the air ambulance to the scene."



**An air ambulance was sent to the Groveport site following the accident** (Image: Grimsby Live)

A Health and Safety Executive spokeswoman said: "HSE is aware of this incident and investigating alongside the police."

A file is being prepared for the [Grimsby](#) and North Lincolnshire senior coroner designate, Mark Kendall.

A [Humberside Police](#) spokesman said "A 54-year-old man has died while working on a boat on the River Trent near to Gunness. Officers were called to the incident yesterday around 2.30pm. His family have been informed.

"We are currently working with the Health and Safety Executive and are investigating the cause of the man's death.