

Police issue statement following tragic death of AV Dawson worker

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The Port of Middlesbrough, which AV Dawson owns and operates (*Image: STUART BOULTON*)

Police have issued a statement following the death of a worker at AV Dawson.

Emergency services were called to the Port of Middlesbrough, at Riverside Park Industrial Estate, on Monday (December 8) following an incident just after 9.30am.

Tragically, a man was pronounced dead at the scene - [with AV Dawson, the owner and operator of the Port of Middlesbrough, confirming the death of one of its colleagues.](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) said it is aware of the situation and is working with the police to establish what happened.

Now, Cleveland Police has issued a statement, confirming an investigation has been launched.

A spokesperson said: "Officers were called to an incident at AV Dawson earlier today (Monday, December 8).

"Sadly, a man was pronounced dead at the scene, and our thoughts are with his family at this very difficult time.

"An investigation has been launched, and officers are working closely with the Health and Safety Executive while enquiries continue."

The North East Ambulance Service has also confirmed that it sent several ambulance crews to the scene, alongside a vehicle from the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

An AV Dawson spokesperson said: "We can confirm that an incident occurred at AV Dawson on Monday, 8 December 2025, which has tragically resulted in the death of one of our colleagues.

"First and foremost, our thoughts are with the individual's family and friends, and with all our colleagues at this incredibly difficult time.

"Our health and safety team are on site and cooperating fully with the emergency services and the Health and Safety Executive as they investigate the incident.

"As this is an ongoing situation, we are unable to provide further details at this stage."