

Worker tragically dies after incident at AV Dawson in Middlesbrough

AV Dawson has confirmed the tragic death of a colleague following an incident on Monday morning, December 8

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File picture of AV Dawson site in Middlesbrough (Image: Evening Gazette)

A worker has died following an incident at AV Dawson in Middlesbrough. An investigation is ongoing after emergency services were called to the site on Monday morning, December 8.

AV Dawson is the owner and operator of the Port of [Middlesbrough](#). [Cleveland Police](#) has confirmed officers are working with the Health and Safety Executive to investigate the incident.

A company spokesperson said: "We can confirm that an incident occurred at AV Dawson on Monday, December 8, 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." Paramedics were called at 9.31am on Monday, December 8, to initial reports of a person injured.

A Health and Safety Executive spokesperson has confirmed they are aware of the incident and working with the police to establish what happened. A spokesperson for Cleveland Police said: "Officers were called to an incident at AV Dawson earlier today.

"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."

AV Dawson is a multimodal freight logistics and port operator with an over 40 hectares' facility based on the River Tees. The group specialises in port activities, logistics handling and transporting bulk materials, heavy goods, and oversized cargo.

A North East Ambulance Service spokesperson said: "We received a call at 9.31am on Monday, December 8, to reports of a person injured at an address on Riverside Park Road in Middlesbrough. We dispatched two ambulance crews, a duty officer, and a clinical team leader to the scene, and requested support from our colleagues at the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) who attended by road."