

A work accident leaves one dead and one seriously injured at the commercial port of La Rochelle

A total of 25 firefighters responded to the scene of the accident to take care of the victims and establish a security perimeter. Police and labor inspectorate also went to the scene. The La Rochelle prosecutor's office was alerted.

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One person died and another was seriously injured in a work accident that occurred this Friday at the commercial port of La Rochelle (Charente-Maritime), on the site of the Socomac cereal group, says [ICI La Rochelle](#) (New window).

The accident took place in the early afternoon while several workers were working on a grain conveyor belt. The latter were in the process of installing hoists [a device used to lift or move materials and whose lifting force is provided by a wheel on which a cable or chain is wrapped] when the counterweight of a ton that is used to stretch the conveyor band came off. The counterweight then fell on a footbridge where two workers were: a man in his sixties was killed, the other worker was ejected over the railing and suffered serious injuries, especially in the back.