

Two more workers die in accidents

Trucker, 61, crushed by pipes at Cagliari, student, 23, mangled in Abruzzo

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Two more workers died in accidents in Italy Thursday as a long spate of accidental workplace deaths continued.

The first was a 61-year-old trucker who was crushed by falling pipes in the port of Cagliari and the second a 23-year-old seasonal worker and university student who was caught in machinery in a winery near Chieti in Abruzzo.

The worker who died in a workplace accident this morning at the Cagliari canal port has been identified as 61-year-old Carlo Spiga, from Monastir (Cagliari).

The accident occurred while metal pipes were being loaded onto the semi-trailer of his truck in an area managed by Grendi.

According to an initial reconstruction, the accident may have been caused by the failure of the straps used to tighten and secure the load.

Several pipes fell from above, crushing him to death.

The 23-year-old man died early Thursday morning at the San Panfilo cooperative winery in Scerni, in the province of Chieti, while working with a piece of machinery.

There was nothing that could be done for the young man—a university student nearing graduation, who was likely working there on a seasonal basis.

Workplace deaths are a big problem in Italy.

Workplace accident insurance agency INAIL said in its annual report that Italy registered 1,189 work-related deaths in 2025.

Although this was 37 fewer than in 2024, a drop of 3.02%, it still means that Italy is averaging over three work-related deaths every day.