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TEENAGER KILLED IN WORKPLACE ACCIDENT

WorkSafeNB is investigating a workplace fatality in Grand Falls on January 5 that claimed the life of 17-year-old Patrick Desjardins.

He was killed while cleaning a damp garage area at a Walmart store with an old buffer machine. His death is a suspected electrocution.

WorkSafeNB is investigating to determine the cause and whether there were violations of occupational health and safety legislation, and to make recommendations to prevent a similar incident from happening again.

About WorkSafeNB

WorkSafeNB administers no-fault workplace accident and disability insurance for employers and their workers, funded solely through employer assessments. WorkSafeNB is committed to preventing workplace injuries and illness through education and the enforcement of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.