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WHSCC INVESTIGATES FATAL FALL IN CARAQUET

Saint John, NB: The Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission (WHSCC) is investigating an accident at the industrial complex in Caraquet that claimed the life of a 48-year-old worker Tuesday afternoon. His name is being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

The worker died of head injuries sustained when the scissor lift he was working on tipped over, causing him to fall approximately 6 metres.

WHSCC officers were dispatched as soon as the accident was reported, and are still investigating to determine whether there were violations to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, and to make recommendations to prevent such a tragedy from recurring. At this time, no orders have been written or charges laid.

ABOUT THE WHSCC

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