

# Man crushed between two rail cars in Ogden

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Police attend the scene of an industrial fatality on Monday in the Ogden Industrial area, where a man was crushed between two rail cars.

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A 57-year-old man was killed on the job after he slipped under moving rail cars Monday morning in the Ogden industrial area in southeast Calgary.

City police officers were called to the 6300 block of Ogdendale Road S.E. before 7:30 a.m. to respond to a fatality at the rail yard, said Det. Greg Mercer.

When they arrived, they discovered the man crushed beneath rail cars.

“He was declared dead at the scene,” Mercer said.

The man was part of a group of workers with Arrow Reload Systems using a loader to move three rail cars to join up with an empty rail car, said Lisa Glover, spokeswoman with Alberta Occupational Health and Safety.

“He was coming off a ladder on one of the moving cars to engage a handbrake when he lost his footing and slipped under the moving cars,” Glover said.

The employer voluntarily stopped work at the site, she added.

Arrow Reload Systems, a truck-to-rail reload company, has a track that connects to CPR's system but the workers are not employed by CPR, said CPR spokesman Kevin Hrysak.

A representative with the company did not offer comment when reached by phone.

Workers were offered counselling.

Alberta Occupational Health and Safety is conducting a preliminary investigation but said a federal investigation could be launched.

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