CN Rail employee killed in switching incident at Surrey rail yard
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A Canadian National Railway employee died early Monday morning during switching operations at its Surrey, B.C., rail yard.
CN Rail tells Global News that it happened at 2 a.m. and provided no further detail.
The Transportation Safety Board confirmed it is deploying an investigator to the Thornton Yard in Surrey, after the incident occurred during switching operations.
WorkSafeBC confirms it is not investigating the incident as CN Rail is federally-regulated.
In December, a 56-year-old locomotive engineer from Mission was killed at a Canadian Pacific train yard in Port Coquitlam. A cause of death was not released.

CN Rail worker killed in B.C. leaves behind wife, 9-month-old son
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The Canadian National Rail worker killed while on the job in Surrey, B.C., this week was a young dad who left behind a wife and nine-month-old son.
Jas Riar, 31, was killed during a switching incident at 2 a.m. Monday at Thornton Yard.
A few of his close friends started a fundraiser that had raised more than $71,000 as of Wednesday afternoon for his wife and son.
The online fundraiser says Riar was the sole provider for his family.
CN Rail has not provided any further details about what happened.
The Transportation Safety Board confirmed an investigator has been assigned to the case.
Online fundraisers launched for CN Rail worker who died in workplace accident in Surrey

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VANCOUVER -- After a tragic workplace accident killed a CN Rail worker in Surrey, B.C., Monday, the victim's friends and family are raising funds to support his wife and young son.

Two online fundraising pages identify the victim of Monday's incident as Jasvinder Riar.

Officials didn't release details about what happened, but several authorities are investigating the incident including the Transportation Safety Board, RCMP, the coroner and WorkSafeBC.

One fundraiser was launched by Riar's brother-in-law, who lives in the United States. He says Riar was 31 and had a nine-month-old son.

"I know they say the good die young, but at 31 years old you were wiser than most could ever hope to be," the fundraising page says.

"You made my sister a better version of herself, and I am glad even for the short time we had you in our lives. You will forever be in our hearts, thoughts and prayers."

Another online fundraising page, launched by Riar’s friend in B.C., has so far raised more than $30,000 for the family.

The TSB says the incident happened during "switching operators" shortly before 2 a.m. Monday. They didn't give a timeline for how long the investigation will take.

Riar's family is hosting an online memorial on June 9 at 4:30 p.m.