

Ogun steel company's engine roller kills 27-year-old worker

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Map of Ogun State

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A 27-year-old employee of KAM Steel Integrated Company, Yahaya Ibrahim, was killed by an engine roller after slipping on the machine at the company's factory along the Sagamu-Ogijo Expressway in Ogun State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the incident occurred on Sunday at 4:50 am while the deceased was working at the company's plant.

The Ogun State Police Command exclusively confirmed this during a phone conversation with our correspondent on Sunday.

Our correspondent learnt that Ibrahim was operating the engine roller when he suddenly slipped and fell onto the roller in the early hours of Sunday.

PUNCH Metro gathered that efforts by other staff members to rescue the victim were unsuccessful, as the roller reportedly crushed him to death.

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The spokesperson for the command, Omolola Odutola, confirmed the incident and stated that the deceased's body had been taken to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital morgue.

"Our men on traffic inspection visited the scene when we received a distress call. It was an industrial accident. The body has been deposited at the OOUTH morgue in Sagamu," Odutola stated.

Meanwhile, our correspondent's attempts to obtain a response from the company regarding the incident were unsuccessful, as the mobile phone number listed on the company's website went unanswered on Sunday.

A similar occupational hazard involving a 25-year-old construction worker who fell from a storey building happened at a site in Banana Island, Ikoyi, Lagos State recently.

The police stated that the deceased fell from the building while removing lintel wood on the construction site.