

Fatality at Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan Work Site

(July 22, 2016) Saskatoon – The Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan's job site in Saskatoon remains closed as Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Division conducts an inspection into a workplace fatality. At around 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016, a 21 year old Saskatoon man was killed while working within the site.

Details of the fatality are under inspection but the initial report indicate the worker died when a steel construction lift fell on him. He was working for sub-contractor Banff Constructors Ltd. Graham is the General Contractor.

"This is a real tragedy," Colin Anderson, Vice President, Buildings, Graham. "Our hearts are with his family, friends, and all those impacted by this terrible incident. We offer our deepest condolences and grief counsellors are available for those who may need help coping. This has also impacted his co-workers and all of us at Graham."

"Workplace safety is paramount at Graham and for all our contractors and subcontractors," says Anderson. "We are cooperating fully with the investigators and have launched our own investigation."

"On behalf of everybody in the Saskatoon Health Region, I first want to extend my condolences to this young man's family and friends for their loss", says Dan Florizone, Saskatoon Health Region's President and CEO. "I also want to express my deep sympathy to his coworkers and all those who work on this site each day. We would like recognize those who responded to this tragedy, including our team in emergency, for their care. There are hundreds of people working to make this hospital a reality and this news has been devastating for everyone involved. This is a sad time for all of us."

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