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Luxembourg

Rough sleeper crush in bin van compactor

A man died in a crush accident on Saturday morning in the compaction unit of a bin wagon at the railway station on rue Bender, Luxembourg city. It is speculated that he was a rough sleeper who had sought a place to sleep overnight in a large waste bin at the station. 7th April 2013

Mexico

7 dead in brewery confined space accident

Seven workers have died in an apparent confined space accident during cleaning and maintenance work in a tank at the Grupo Modelo SAB brewery in Mexico City. Four of the workers are believed to have been sub-contract maintenance workers, the 3 others were Grupo Modelo employees who may have died in an attempt to rescue the others from the oxygen-deficient atmosphere. 9th April 2013

Germany

Worker buried under bags of waste at refuse depot

A refuse depot worker was left badly injured and had to be dug free from under a 40m³ pile of sacks of waste at the depot in the Gerthe area of Bochum yesterday after he had moved into the line of a load being deposited by a lorry. 5th April 2013

France

Grimp 86 called to rescue worker after fall in silo

A 25-year old Polish construction worker, a member of an international work crew at a site in Cisse, Vienne, has been hospitalised in Poitiers after falling 6 metres inside a tank at a new agricultural silo at the Cour d'Henon site. The medics who attended the injured man summoned Grimp 86 who specialise in rescue from difficult situations as they wanted the injured worker evacuated in a horizontal position. 22nd April 2013

Austria

Intruder dies after hand is trapped in clothes recycling container

When staff at a recycling centre in Kohfidisch in Burgenland arrived for work on Wednesday morning they found a 62-year old man dead, his arm having been trapped in the apparatus of a clothes recycling container from which he had apparently been attempting to withdraw clothing, having accessed the site outwith opening hours. 25th April 2013

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USA

Worker crushed under falling lift in shaft

A 45-year old lift maintenance worker has died in a crush accident when a lift fell on him as he worked in the shaft at ground floor level at the Island Grand, a TradeWinds Island Resorts property at St Pete Beach, Florida. The subcontract worker was cleaning oil from inside the shaft when the lift, which had been locked at 2nd floor level three-quarters of an hour earlier, descended. The lift had passed an inspection earlier in the week. 26th April 2013