

## Construction Worker Fights for Life After Being Pulled Into Rock Crusher

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A construction worker who suffered life-threatening injuries after he was thrown into a rock crusher on an Irvine construction site continues to fight for his life at Mission Hospital, according to a [news report](#). The still-unidentified male construction worker, who was described as being in his late 30s to early 40s, either fell onto or became entangled in a conveyor belt that carried rock to a rock crushing machine, and was thrown from the belt into the crusher. The [construction accident](#) occurred in the 8700 block of Irvine Center Driver, where residential units are being built on the former site of the Wild Rivers Waterpark.

In a three-step process, a rock crushing machine first crushes concrete laced with rebar into rocks, then separates the rock from the rebar, then in the final step grinds the rock into sand. The worker went through the first two steps in the rock crusher before being rescued.

Fellow construction workers heard the victim screaming and were able to hit the emergency button to stop the crusher before the victim went through the grinding process.

The [construction accident](#) victim suffered severe head injuries and was taken to Mission Hospital after being extracted from the rock crusher by rescue crews.

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