Person falls metres at new patent office building

RIJSWIJK - According to a police statement, someone fell onto a roof from a higher floor at the European Patent Office (EPO) in Rijswijk on Wednesday morning. A trauma helicopter was called with a mobile medical team on board. The victim has now been stabilised and brought to the hospital.

It is not known exactly what happened. The victim is believed to have fallen a couple of metres. The identity of the victim is not clear. And nor is his or her current condition. The victim is thought to be communicating, however.

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (SWZ) inspectorate, the former Labour Inspectorate, will investigate the accident. The result is expected in three months.

New building

At the location of the accident, Patentlaan in Rijswijk, work is being carried out on the patent office's new building. This office, the outline of which can already be seen clearly from the A4 motorway, will be 107 metres high and features a lot of glass.