

PRESS STATEMENT

INJURY INCIDENT

Galleria Mall, St. George, December 17th, 2025

The Ministry of Finance confirms that an incident occurred earlier today involving Mr. Phillip B. J. John, a 64-year-old resident of Requin, St. David's. Mr. John inadvertently walked into a glass door on the Ministry's premises, at Galleria Mall-Inland Revenue office, causing the door to shatter and resulting in injuries to his arm and leg.

Staff responded promptly, and with the assistance of the police and on-site security officers, Mr. John was transported to the hospital for urgent medical attention. The Ministry of Finance's Facilities Manager, Mr. Chris Edwards, and Senior Procurement Officer, Mr. Arvon Lucas, were among those who provided immediate support at the scene. Mr. John's family was promptly notified and is in route to the hospital.

Permanent Secretary Mike Sylvester expressed concern, stating:

"Our thoughts are with Mr. John and his family during this time. We are committed to providing all necessary support and ensuring that measures are in place to prevent such incidents from happening again."

We want to reassure the public that the safety and well-being of all individuals within our facilities remain our highest priority. Immediate steps have been taken to secure the area, and a thorough review is underway to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Further updates will be provided as they become available.

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