

Boy, 2, dies after being hit by mum's car

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[Above: Police at the scene where a two-year-old boy died after he was run over by his mother in a freak accident on Monday. Photo: Shin Min]

SINGAPORE - A little boy died on Monday afternoon after his mother accidentally reversed her car into him.

Two-year-old Henry was believed to have run up to his mother's car while she was backing the white multi-purpose vehicle into the driveway of their bungalow.

The Australian housewife, who was identified only as Mrs Harrington, did not realise that she had knocked over her son until a cab driver who was driving past the scene yelled at her to stop the car, reported The Straits Times.

Neighbours saw the distraught mother screaming and holding her son, according to The Straits Times report. She also performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on her son while waiting for the paramedics to arrive, reported the Chinese media.

Henry was taken to KK Women's and Children's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead an hour later.

Police are investigating the accident and have questioned the child's parents.

The Straits Times reported that the Harrington family had moved to Singapore last September for work. The Australian High Commission here has offered to assist the family.

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The child's body will be repatriated to Perth, Australia, where the funeral will be held. He is survived by his parents and one older sister, aged 4.