

Toddler falls from second storey window

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A two year old is in Alberta's Children Hospital with multiple soft tissue injuries after falling out of second story window Friday afternoon.

Emergency crews responded to the 1100 block of 40th Street southeast around 4:00p.m. after hearing getting a report of a toddler falling four to six metres and landing on a grassy area.

This is the second time in four days a toddler has fallen from an open window, prompting a reminder from paramedics for parents and guardians to take precautions to keep this from happening.

In a statement paramedics are reminding parents:

- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies;
- Move furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables away from windows to prevent access to them;
- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing;
- Consider installing safety devices which limit the distance in which a window can be open to 10cm (4 inch);
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency;
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck;
- Screens are designed to keep bugs out, not to keep children in;
- EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs. www.windowssafety.ca (<http://www.windowssafety.ca>)

On Tuesday night, a five year-old fell from a window in Cranston.