

'TABLE SAVED HER LIFE'

Girl tumbles out third-floor window after falling from bunk-bed ladder

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Neighbours are crediting a homemade wooden table with saving the life of a five-year-old girl who fell from a third-storey window.

The girl was playing with siblings in a bedroom on the third floor of an apartment building in the 500 block of Cranford Dr. S.E. around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday when she fell off a bunk bed ladder and crashed through a screened window, according to neighbours.

The girl fell three storeys, landing on a wooden table and also hitting a pair of bicycle handlebars before rolling off the table and landing on a cement deck next to a large trailer hitch.

"That table saved her life," said Jason Hamzeh, who lives on the ground floor of the building and rushed to the girl's aid after hearing a loud crash.

"I heard a big thump and saw the screen on the ground but didn't see the girl at first.

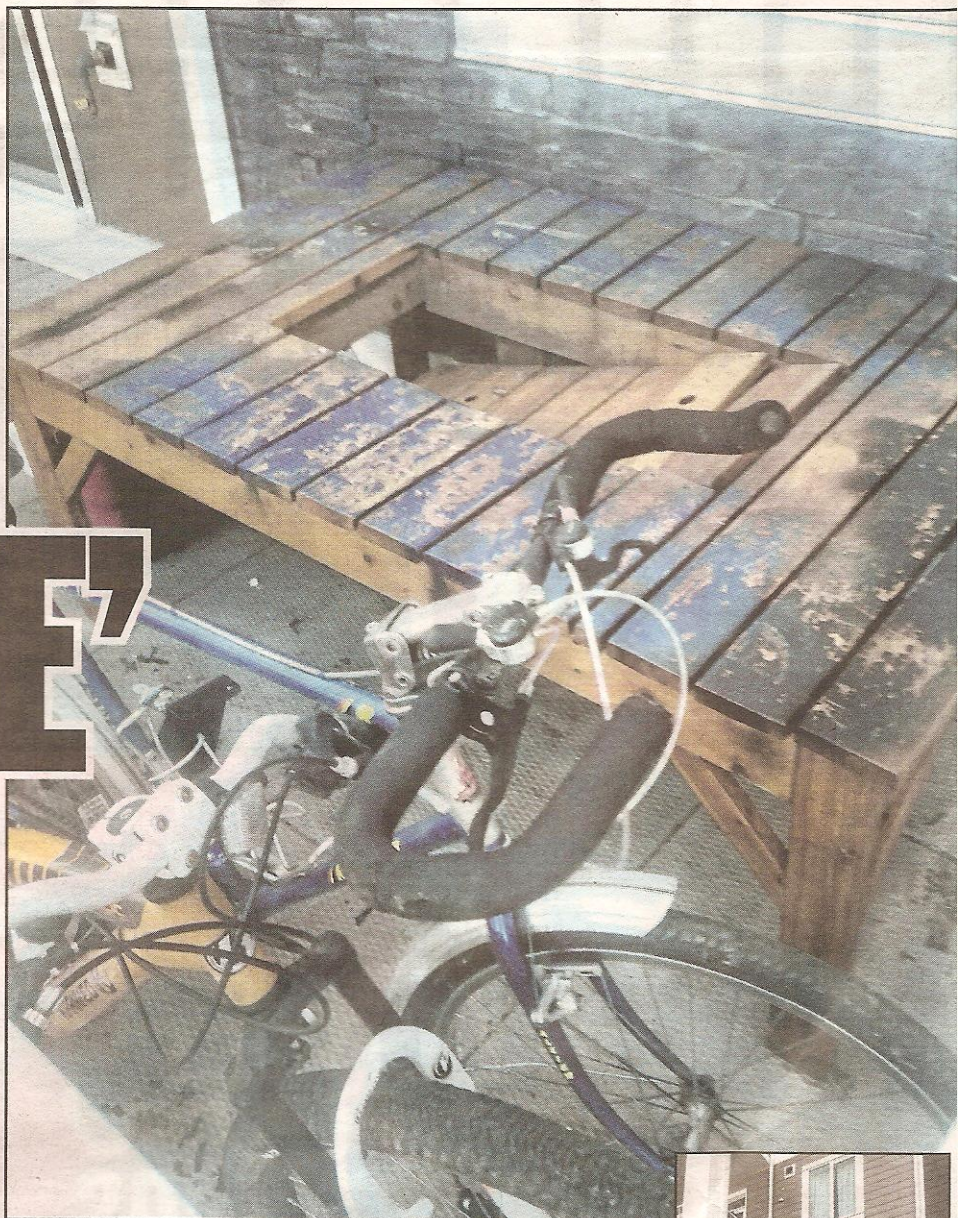
"My neighbour was looking around too then we saw her under the table."

That neighbour was Michael Messier, who built the table several years ago.

"I thought a barbecue fell it was so loud," he said.

"I'm glad I kept (the table) there because I was actually going to move it the day before to throw it out. It's just a table we built years ago."

The girl was conscious and talking to paramedics, said Messier, however she was



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A neighbour says this wooden table, above, broke the fall of a girl who crashed through the screen of a third-storey window in a Cranston apartment building Tuesday night, right. She was taken to hospital in serious but stable condition.

rushed to Alberta Children's Hospital in serious but stable condition, suffering soft tissue and possible internal injuries.

Paramedics are now reminding Calgarians with small children to move cribs, beds, stools, or change tables away from windows, along

with furniture stored near the edge of patios and balconies.

For more information on window safety visit www.windowssafety.ca

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