

Firefighters Respond to Two Calls of Toddlers Falling from Windows in Less Than 24 Hours

News Release from **Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue**

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At 8:17 p.m. Sunday, a 9-1-1 caller reported that a 2-year-old male child fell from a third story window at a residence in the 19900 block of SW Monson Street in Aloha. When Hillsboro Fire & Rescue arrived on scene four minutes later (providing mutual aid), the child had regained consciousness. Firefighter paramedics took over advanced medical care and determined that the child would be a trauma system entry. Metro West ambulance transported the patient to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center.

At 12:48 p.m. today, TVF&R firefighters responded to reports that a 3-year-old female child fell from a second story window onto the concrete at a residence in the 19600 block of SW Boones Ferry Road in Tualatin. When firefighters arrived on scene two minutes later, they began administering advanced medical care. The patient has been entered into the trauma system and two TVF&R firefighter paramedics are en route with Metro West ambulance to OHSU at this time, continuing care.

TVF&R and Hillsboro Fire & Rescue urge families to take action today to prevent future window falls this summer.

What families can do today:

- * Find out which of your windows may pose a fall risk
- * Keep windows closed and locked when not in use
- * Keep areas in front of windows clear of anything a child may climb
- * Enforce a Kid Free Zone in front of all windows
- * Check out the STOP at 4" Campaign website: www.stopat4.com

Next steps families can take:

- * On windows that pose a fall risk, limit openings. STOP at 4" by installing child safety window stops that can be by-passed by an adult in an emergency.
- * When buying new windows, research which manufacturers offer built-in child safety hardware

If a child falls:

- * Call 9-1-1 and don't to move the child
- * Emergency responders are trained to properly stabilize and safely transport injured children.