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2-year-old bitten by rattlesnake while playing in backyard rushed to hospital

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HESPERIA, Calif. (FOX 11) - A 2-year old girl is in serious but stable condition after a baby rattlesnake bit her while in her yard.

San Bernardino County Fire Engineer Ryan Vaccaro helped save little Madeline. He says she was playing in her yard, in the 13000 block of Stuvelling Street in Hesperia, when a diamondback button rattlesnake bit her right hand.

Vaccaro says her family called 911, cut off the snake's head and met paramedics at the Chevron near Escondido and Ranchero Rd in Oak Hills. Paramedics rushed the young girl by ambulance from the gas station to a helicopter waiting for her at Oak Hills High School.

"She was extremely upset when we arrived, screaming, crying and in a lot of pain," said Vaccaro. "She did have a lot of swelling to the extremity and it was moving up her arm, so we just definitely wanted to rapidly transport her off the scene."

Rescuers flew Madeline, her mom and the dead button rattler in a bag to Loma Linda University Medical Center, the primary rattlesnake referral center in the region. Emergency toxicologists upgraded Madeline from critical to serious condition.

"The child's body is smaller so they may have a greater risk of developing toxicity," said Loma Linda Medical Toxicologist Brian Wolk. "We actually give them the same dose of anti-venom that we would give an adult because the venom dose is the same."

Wolk says all native venomous snakes in California are rattlesnakes with defined triangular heads, oval eyes and usually visible rattlers. And warmer weather means more rattlesnakes.

Wolk adds most people get bitten while trying to move a snake off their property. If you or a friend gets bitten by a rattlesnake, he says don't try to suck out the venom, try to keep the wounded body part still and seek medical attention immediately.

<http://www.foxla.com/news/local-news/2-year-old-bitten-by-rattlesnake-while-playing-in-backyard-rushed-to-hospital>

Child, 2, airlifted after being bitten by rattlesnake

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San Bernardino County fire's helicopter H325 takes off from Oak Hills High School after a child was bitten by a rattlesnake in Oak Hills on Thursday afternoon. [Martin Estacio, Daily Press]

OAK HILLS — Authorities rushed a toddler to a trauma center after the child was bitten by a rattlesnake Thursday afternoon.

Details are still forthcoming, but **San Bernardino County Fire** Department officials said they responded to a call reporting a snake bite victim just before 1 p.m. Thursday.

Initial reports indicated the victim was a 2-year-old girl. It's still unknown where the bite took place, but County Fire Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said his engine was dispatched to the Chevron gas station at Escondido Ave and Rancho Road.

From there, an ambulance took the child over to Oak Hills High School, where a County Fire helicopter was available to take the child to a hospital. McClintock said the child was taken to a trauma center.

A Loma Linda University Medical Center spokesperson told the Daily Press the child was in serious, but stable condition. Further details weren't provided.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 7,000 to 8,000 people in the U.S. are bit by venomous snakes every year.

Children often suffer more severe effects to bites than adults due to their small mass, according to the World Health Organization.

This story is developing and more information will be updated as it is received.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20190502/child-2-airlifted-after-being-bitten-by-rattlesnake>

Friday's vegetation fire scorches 23 acres along Highway 38

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CAL Fire air tankers drop retardant on the fire late Friday afternoon. Photo by David R. Dickinson

A plume of smoke was spotted mid-afternoon near Highway 38 last Friday, April 26. Yucaipa Fire Chief Grant Malinowski said the fire along Highway 38 was north east of Bryant Street and about half a mile up from the ranger station. The flames jumped to both sides of the highway, causing the roads to close in both directions. CAL Fire air tankers dropped retardant and several fire agencies responded to the fire.

Lead agency CAL Fire received assistance from the U.S. Forest Service and **San Bernardino County Fire**, fire agencies from Redlands, San Manuel, Loma Linda and Colton. CHP and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department were also present.

The brush and grass fire was ultimately stopped at 23.2 acres. Flames were contained at 4:50 p.m., but not controlled.

Fire reports indicated that traffic along Highway 38 finally opened in both directions at 7:40 p.m. As of Sunday evening, the fire was 99 percent controlled.

The official cause of the fire is still under investigation.

https://www.newsmirror.net/news/local/friday-s-vegetation-fire-scorches-acres-along-highway/article_7740210a-6cfc-11e9-b2ff-3716326d1a2c.html