

# Paris girl 'survives six-storey fall unharmed'

**French media are describing as a "miracle" the unscathed survival of an 18-month-old girl who fell from a sixth-floor apartment.**

The girl was left unattended by her parents when she somehow fell, then bounced off the awning of a cafe below.

She had a further stroke of luck when a passing doctor saw her fall and caught her before she hit the ground, witnesses were quoted as saying.

The doctor found no injuries but she was taken to hospital for a check-up.

The girl's dramatic fall and rescue took place on the corner of the Cours de Vincennes and the Rue des Pyrenees, in the 20th arrondissement, late on Monday afternoon.

A man living in a building opposite from the apartment told France Info he saw the girl playing by the window with another girl a few years older.

They were coming and going from the window, he said, and had a feeling something bad might happen.

The man who caught the girl was walking by with his wife and son when the boy spotted the girl falling.

Another witness told Le Figaro that the doctor positioned himself by the awning and caught the girl in his arms after she bounced off it.

The witness, Francois, said the girl cried a bit at first but quickly calmed down.

The doctor, identified as Philippe Benseniot by France Info, said it was pure luck.

"I was there at the right time," he told France Info. "I'm happy for the little girl."



Many Parisians live in six- or seven-storey apartment blocks

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