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Girl shaken after rock thrown through window

Four-year-old escapes injury while lying in bed

A young Georgetown girl was startled by the sound of smashing glass when a rock came crashing through her bedroom window late Monday night narrowly missing her in her bed.

The shattered glass from the two panes in her window and the rock, slightly larger than a golf ball, landed about a foot from Samantha Philip, 4, of Raylawn Cr.

Samantha's father Dan said he and his wife Mary heard a noise but didn't think much about it until their daughter came running into their bedroom screaming.

They couldn't believe it when they realized what had happened and found the rock and glass fragments on Samantha's bed.

"It's something you wouldn't expect," said Dan.

They looked outside for the culprit but couldn't see anyone, and called police.

"It's a dangerous situation," said Detective Sgt. Don Cousens. "We're not dealing with mischief, we're dealing with mischief endangering life, that's a very serious offence."

The family is relieved Samantha wasn't hurt but is upset about the incident.

"I don't feel very happy," said Samantha. "I feel a little bit angry."

Mary said her daughter was shaken by the incident and is afraid to sleep in her room again.

They believe the rock was thrown from a construction site behind their house and don't know why their home was hit.

"We've never had any other vandalism," said Dan.

"They should have better security around the construction site," said Dan, who would like to see an improvement in the fencing there.

As a result of the incident Cousens said police plan to increase patrols in that area.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



Four-year-old Samantha Philip shows off the rock that crashed through her bedroom window late Tuesday night as the youngster laid in bed. Her parents believe the stone was thrown from a nearby construction site.

Photo by Ted Brown

To fight WNV Region health officials call for larvicide plan in Halton Hills

Halton's top public health officials want to step up efforts to fight West Nile virus (WNV) this summer by larviciding catch basins in north Halton.

The region's health and social services committee unanimously passed a recommendation Tuesday to use pesticides in the urban areas of Halton Hills and Milton where mosquito larvae has been detected.

At Halton Hills council meeting Monday, council gave approval for the pesticide use; Halton Hills currently bans use of pesticide on any town-owned or leased property without council prior approval. Town staff will also be providing support to the regional WNV program.

Lab results from Health Canada, which were only released to the region recently due to major backlogs, concluded mosquitoes caught in traps in north Halton last summer tested positive for West Nile. That prompted Halton's health department to encourage councillors to expand the West Nile larviciding program this year.

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