

# Snow Slides From Roof, Buries Boy

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Two Salt Lake City 7-year-olds were playing shortly after noon Sunday, under blue skies in the mountain chill near a Brighton Estates A-frame vacation home

Fresh frost laid down by winds during the clear, cold night formed a hard crust on the 4-foot-high snowpack topping the A-frame's steep roof.

Icicles worked their way down — a chilled drop at a time — from the eaves to the snow-covered ground. Those icicles tempted the boys.

The pair had whacked several icicles from the eaves when tons of snow slid off the metal roof and buried one of the boys. The second child ran to find help.

It was 20 to 30 minutes before the boy's father and a passing snowmobiler were able to dig the child out. He was not breathing and had no pulse when they pulled him from the snow slide.

The child's father compressed the tiny chest and blew breath into on the boy's mouth until an helicopter arrived to transport him to Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City. But as the copter took off, the boy still was not breathing. The nurse on the flight reported a pulse sometime before the boy reached the hospital.

Police had not released the name of the boy or that of his family late Sunday night. A nursing supervisor said the child was in critical condition but would not comment further on the boy's injuries.

Don Morgan, assistant park manager for Wasatch Mountain State Park, said the child and his parents were from Salt Lake City. The second child who ran for help was not identified.

Morgan arrived at the accident site about 20 minutes after the snow fell. "The whole roof cleared off," he said.

Morgan said the snow slid from the 20-by-30-foot metal

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