



## **EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM – PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Lucky Escape for Climber!**

A 21 year old rock climber amazingly escaped serious injury after falling more than 20 feet on Stanage Edge. The man, a student at Southampton University, was attempting Pegasus Wall, a route near the Plantation at Stanage when he fell.

Edale Mountain Rescue Team were called to the accident at about 1.30pm and team members were on scene less than 30 minutes later. The climber had been knocked unconscious initially and was complaining of pain in his back, wrist and leg. He was treated on scene by team members with intravenous pain relief and a neck collar before being placed on a spinal board and stretcher for evacuation.

The Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance had by this time landed at the top of the crag. Numerous people climbing at Stanage then helped the team move the casualty hand over hand to the top of the cliff. Just 36 minutes after the first team members arrived at the scene, he was flown to Chesterfield Royal Hospital. It was later confirmed that, incredibly, he had escaped with just cuts and bruises! He was admitted to hospital for observation of his condition due to his head injury but he was expected to be discharged the following day. A very lucky man!

<http://www.edalemountainrescue.co.uk>

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## Notes to Journalists and Editors:

Edale Mountain Rescue Team is staffed entirely by volunteers and supported by public donations. Like other MRTs in England and Wales we receive no financial support from National or Local Government. One of the busiest teams in the country, attending around 100 incidents a year, the team operates in the busiest part of the Peak District National Park itself the second most visited National Park in the world. The team is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We are a registered charity, number 512559.

A selection of stock images of EMRT vehicles and personnel is now available online at

<http://www.edalemrt.co.uk/gallery.html>

Where we are unable to provide specific digital images relating to a given incident, please use one of the stock images here.

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### Team Statistics Now Available Online.

Our new website now includes a selection of statistical information about the team's activities. Please visit [http://www.edalemrt.co.uk/team\\_statistics.html](http://www.edalemrt.co.uk/team_statistics.html)

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