

## Boy Is Rescued From Coal Hole

A seven-year-old Mt. Carmel boy was rescued from an abandoned coal hole into which he fell while flying a kite on the hillside north of Diamondtown.

William Boychuk was taken to Shamokin Hospital where he was treated for multiple abrasions of the back, arms, right ear and legs.

The youngster, one of several flying kites on the mine-scarred hillside, was believed to have been running backwards with his tow string when he failed to notice the abandoned shaft and dropped into it.

His playmates didn't notice his absence immediately, but discovered him when they saw his kite string leading into the old mine opening.

The alarm was spread and rescue workers used a clothesline to haul the lad to the surface. A loop was fashioned in the rope and lowered to the boy who was instructed to fasten the loop beneath his arms.

Rescue workers said it appeared the boy landed on sandy soil that had created a shelf 50 feet from the top. Had he missed the shelf he would have plunged to an unknown depth.

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