

## Clovis man hurt in 100-foot fall down mine shaft

VISALIA — A 22-year-old Clovis man was listed in stable condition Monday at Valley Medical Center in Fresno after he fell about 100 feet down an abandoned tungsten mine shaft Sunday.

Tulare County sheriff's deputies said Joel Baca and his brother, Jed, were checking the mine shaft when Joel Baca fell into the opening.

Jed Baca rushed to the nearby Chrisman Ranch to get help.

A sheriff's rescue team lifted Joel Baca from the shaft and a California Highway Patrol helicopter transported him to VMC.

Deputies said he suffered facial and head injuries.

The mine is on the Chrisman Ranch in Drum Valley about 20 miles east of Orosi.

## 1984 Joel Baca rescued after 100 foot fall down abandoned mine shaft

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