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By Clara Ho June 3, 2012

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A Calgary climber was taken to hospital with serious injuries Saturday evening after falling and sliding nearly 20 metres down Victoria Peak in southern Alberta.

The 50-year-old man was climbing the mountain south of Pincher Creek, about 230 kilometres south of Calgary. After reaching the top, he started his descent and fell while crossing a snow-filled area at about 5:30 p.m., say RCMP.

He slid about 20 metres and struck a tree, sustaining serious but non-life threatening injuries to his chest, and was unable to keep going on his own.

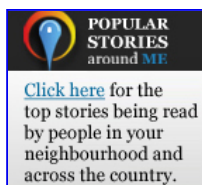
Pincher Creek fire crews and Search and Rescue members hiked to the site to help the man. An Alpine Helicopters public safety helicopter was used to transport rescue members and sling the climber from the scene.

The man is remains in hospital and is expected to recover.

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