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### **Fall on Rock, Bouldering**

Colorado, Eldorado Canyon State Park

On May 11 a man (32) was bouldering Germ Free Adolescence (V5+) when he intentionally let go rather than attempt to downclimb or continue up. He fell about 10 feet straight onto a crash pad. Despite a spotter assisting his landing, the fall badly broke the climber's right ankle, possibly due to a rock that was under the center of the crash pad. (Source: Steve Muehlhauser, Ranger, Eldorado Canyon State Park.)

### **Analysis**

Multiple pads may be needed to protect a rocky landing under boulder problems. In addition, boulderers need to watch out for gaps in the padding, either between pads or where a foldable pad is hinged. (Source: Aram Attarian.)

**Images**

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