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### **Fall on Rock, Rockfall**

Canada, Alberta, Keelhaul Wall, Kid Goat

On July 13 a climber dislodged a rock on pitch four of Kid Goat, which struck his belayer on the left ankle, fracturing it. The injured climber phoned for a rescue after a self-assessment. While Kananaskis Public Safety (KPS) was responding, the party of two continued to self-rescue and rappel the route. When KPS arrived on the scene the patient was almost at the base of the cliff. He was then slung from the cliff to a staging area, where he refused additional care.

### **Analysis**

The primary cause of the accident was likely a failure to test holds, probably due to a lack of experience. Rescuers deemed there was an inadequate appreciation of the inherent rockfall hazards for leaders and belayers alike.

**Images**

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