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High Ropes Accident

"Full and thorough investigation" at Hobbledown adventure park in Epsom following girl's fall

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"Full and thorough investigation" at adventure park

following girl's fall

A "full and thorough" investigation has been launched into safety at a new £3m adventure park where a 10-year-old girl was injured yesterday.

The child was taken to St George's Hospital, in Tooting, with back injuries after plummeting three and a half metres from the high ropes area of Hobbledown adventure park in Horton Lane, Epsom, on Tuesday at 12.50pm.

First aiders attended to her before she was put in a brace by paramedics as a precaution. She was conscious at the scene and remained in hospital this morning under observation, undergoing scans and x-rays.

The park, on the site of the old Horton Park Children's Farm, has been open for just six weeks and is based on the mystical story of the Hobblers - fictional characters which live in spectacular play structures.

The girl fell from one such structure watched by children enjoying the park at the end of the summer holidays.

One of the park's co-owners, Nick De Candole said he believes the incident was caused by a failure of the ropes system - which he said was last inspected only two weeks' ago in a non-obligatory high-level check which they had requested.