

MEDIA RELEASE



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RE:	Man impaled on fence at Sydney NYE celebrations		

At 23:17 on Saturday 31st December 2011, a St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) responded to a call from the Ambulance Service of NSW (ASNSW) regarding a young male who became impaled after allegedly jumping a fence outside the State Library of NSW.

Upon arrival, ASNSW paramedics placed a stretcher under the patient whose left thigh was impaled and was therefore suspended on the fence.

Dr David Fahey, State Medical Officer and Specialist Anaesthetist from St John along with St John paramedic Lachlan Shaw worked with the ASNSW and the NSW Police Rescue to free the male who was then transported to St Vincent's Hospital by the ASNSW in a stable condition. Another male was treated and subsequently released on-scene for minor abrasions to his back.

Mark Compton, Deputy Commander (NYE Sydney) from St John and Jeffrey Williams, Deputy Commander (Clinical Operations) from St John also attended the scene and coordinated St John resources in the area to ensure adequate care was delivered.

Close to 200 St John (NSW) volunteers provided first aid and health services to those who celebrated New Year's Eve through the Sydney CBD and Harbour foreshore, with hundreds of additional volunteers covering regional celebrations across NSW.

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