

## Girl, 6, hanged after clothes caught in bunk bed

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A six-year-old Laval, Que. girl is dead after accidentally hanging herself from her bunk bed with the belt of her housecoat.

The girl's mother said the girl had been watching a movie and playing in her room at the time of the incident, which occurred late Sunday afternoon.

The mother told police she had been checking on her daughter about every 30 minutes.

The mother said that when she entered the girl's room during the last check-up, she found her daughter tied up in her clothes, hanging from the upper bunk.

She removed the child and administered CPR, but to no avail.

The girl was taken to a Laval hospital where she was declared dead on arrival.

Police, who were called to the Millie Isles Boulevard home by the girl's mother, say they don't suspect foul play.

"It's accidental. No one is being blamed for that," Laval police spokesperson Nathalie Laurin told CTV Montreal.

A coroner's report was expected to be completed on Monday.

Meanwhile, a growing pile of teddy bears has formed outside the family's house; many brought by neighbours shocked to hear of the girl's death.

Francis Mimeault told CTV Montreal in French that he was horrified to hear what happened, particularly the way in which his young neighbour died.

Montreal Children's Hospital statistics show that more than 50 patients are treated for bunk bed-related injuries every year. The hospital's trauma team is considering recommending legislation prohibiting bunk bed use by young children.

Trauma expert Carlo Galli says parents should keep youngsters in their field of vision.

"With young kids you have to remember they lack the judgment of what's dangerous and what's not dangerous," he told CTV News on Monday.

*With a report from CTV Montreal's Anne Lewis*

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