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Man Rescued From Sewer After Fall

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Arizona - A 21-year-old male construction worker fell about 25 feet underground at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the intersection of County 12th Street and Avenue 9E. He had stepped into an open manhole and fell down into a sewer that had work being done to it. He was injured in the fall and trapped underground, according to a news release from the Yuma Fire Department.

YFD personnel found the victim conscious and able to communicate with rescuers. Members of the YFD Technical Rescue Team, trained in confined space rescues, were lowered into the sewer, the release said.

The victim was medically stabilized, brought to the surface and transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro Ambulance.

The worker is employed by S.J. Louis Construction, a company working on area sewer and water projects. The construction crew reported they had been working at the site for only a few minutes when the accident occurred, the release said.

The worker's name has not yet been released.

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