

Gust of wind sends bounce house flying in Scottsdale

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SCOTTSDALE, AZ - Authorities say a gust of wind picked up a bounce house set up outside a Scottsdale McDonald's restaurant and pushed it into traffic Saturday afternoon.

Scottsdale police Officer David Pubins said the house was set up at Hayden and Indian School roads when around 1 p.m. a gust of wind pushed it into the northbound lanes of traffic on Hayden Road.

One witness said it was thrown about 15 to 20 feet in the air before landing in the street.

Others said the bounce house had been held down by sand bags before it went flying.

But the mother of one of two boys inside wants to know what happened.

"He goes into the bouncy house thinking he's going to have the time of his life and it could have ended his life," said Ashley Hudson, mother of 4-year-old Nicholas.

"I bumped my head in the street," Nicholas told ABC15. "I was in the bounce house and I flew away."

Police said onlookers were able to quickly grab the bounce house and pull it back to safety.

"She just saw my son grab onto the net and give her this look like save me," Hudson said of one rescuer.

Neither boy was seriously injured, but Hudson is hoping for a change so something like this doesn't happen to another child.

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Bounce houses when properly erected, secured and supervised by a responsible adult can be a safe form of entertainment. Most likely a combination of these things caused this bounce house to blow away. Knowing this area very well it would not surprise me a dust devil contributed to this incident.

Parents, please make sure when you put your child in a bounce house that the operation is supervised by a trained and responsible adult. A simple bump on the head can lead to an unknown serious injury.

Remember, just because you trust a business or organization does not mean they know how to setup and run amusement rides with the safety of your child being 1.

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