

# Electric scooter accident severely injures a San Marcos student

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SAN MARCOS- An electric scooter accident sent a San Marcos student to the hospital with potentially life-threatening injuries Friday afternoon, prompting people to question the safety of a new popular scooter brand.

Victoria Williams, 19, of San Marcos, sustained a fractured skull, broken wrist, bruised ribs and a minor concussion when the Bird electric scooter she was riding suddenly stopped, launching her into a parked car. The incident occurred at the intersection of Comal and South CM Allen Parkway. Williams was riding scooters with her Jaylynn Cook, 22, of Austin, who rushed to call 911 after the crash.

“She’s my baby sister,” Cook said. “I was supposed to protect her. I don’t know what we can do, but I am going to try and make sure that no one else gets hurt by these unpredictable machines.”

The paramedics arrived minutes after Cook’s call at 2:13 p.m. on Friday and ambulances safely transported Williams to Central Texas Medical Center. The CEO of Bird Scooter, Bill Darby, 29, of San Francisco was notified of the incident and issued a statement.

“We take precautions with our products, but we can’t always cover everything,” Darby said. “We have everyone who uses our scooters sign a contract before getting on a scooter. We wish a speedy recovery to Victoria.”

Others witnessed the crash including Carl Smith, 33, of San Marcos, who was working at San Marcos Tire & Auto near the site of the crash. He said the city should do more to regulate electric scooters in the city.

“We don’t have the laws, ordinances or resources to deal with the explosion of scooters that showed up in this city,” Smith said. “I think the city should have done something about those things sooner. It should not have taken a person getting injured for something to happen.”

No legal action is being taken from either party at this time.