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Goal post topples onto 5yo boy

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A GROUP of boys had been playing on a soccer goal post seconds before it toppled and seriously injured a five-year-old boy in far-north Queensland, authorities said today.

The boy suffered head injuries when the steel-frame goal post fell on him at the Cathy Freeman Oval at Slade Point, Mackay, about 5pm (AEST) yesterday.

He remained in a serious condition at Townsville Hospital today while Mackay City Council investigated the accident.

Council chief executive Ken Gouldthorp described the accident at the council park as “terrible” and “regrettable”.

“It appears a group of boys were playing on the goal post when it toppled over and the leg of the goal post landed on the young child who was sitting on the ground,” Mr Gouldthorp said.

He said the council was trying to determine exactly how it was able to fall.

The goal posts were used for training during the soccer season but had been removed, he said.

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