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Spooked Horses Spark Accident at NH Apple Orchard, 6 Hurt

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HAMPTON FALLS, N.H. (CBS) – Police in New Hampshire said there were six people injured following an accident at an apple orchard on Sunday.

Police said two hayrides were taking place at Applecrest Farm when one of the wagons became loose and spooked the horses. The horses then frantically took off, violently pulling the wagon full of people.

Four people were taken to Exeter Hospital with minor injuries and two others were seriously hurt.

The owner of one of the horses was med-flighted to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Police said she stepped in front of it to calm it down and to make sure the horse didn't injure any other people. In the process, she got badly hurt.

The police chief said apple picking and hay rides are a huge tradition at the farm, and that what happened Sunday was an "unfortunate accident."

The hayrides were shut down for the rest of day. State police are investigating.



Six people hurt in accident at New Hampshire apple orchard on Sunday, Sept. 25.