

Man loses leg in train accident

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WEBSTER GROVES, Mo. - A 19-year-old Missouri man whose leg was cut off by a passing freight train was able to crawl away for help, police say. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Friday that Joseph Alexander of Webster Groves, Mo., crawled 50 yards for help. He flagged down a passing motorist, who called for help, the newspaper reported. Alexander was airlifted to Barnes-Jewish Hospital, where he underwent surgery Friday. Doctors were unable to save his leg, a hospital spokeswoman said. Alexander was found about 50 yards from his leg, the newspaper said. The train's engineer and its conductor were reportedly unaware the Galesburg, Ill.-bound train had hit someone.

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