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Wind caused construction accident, ministry says

Three men injured when concrete form fell on them

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SHABNAM JANET JANANI
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Three construction workers were injured after a concrete form fell on them this morning at a construction site on Fleet St. west of Bathurst St. at about 9:40 a.m.

One worker was treated for minor injuries and released. The other two are currently in hospital in stable condition.

"The wind caught the concrete form and blew it over on top of three workers who were working nearby," said Bruce Skeaff, a spokesman for the Ministry of Labour.

Each concrete form is approximately 25 to 30 feet long.

One of the injured, 25 years of age, was conscious and breathing with severe back pains before being taken to hospital, said Toronto police Const. Tony Vella.

All three injured are employed by a company called Maple Leaf Forming, according to the Ministry of Labour.

The investigation continues.

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