

《美国一退伍士兵坠入火山后生还》

A US soldier in Hawaii was critically injured after he fell 70ft (21 metres) into one of the most active volcanoes on Earth, parks officials say.

Rangers rescued the 32-year-old man, who they say climbed over a metal guard rail overlooking the Kilauea caldera in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Witnesses say the ground crumbled away beneath the victim's feet, causing him to plunge down the 300ft cliff.

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He landed on a ledge, stopping him for falling into the crater.

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Witnesses say the man was part of a group who had stopped at the Steaming Bluff overlook around 18:30 local time on Wednesday.

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"At approximately 21:00 [local time], the man was found alive but seriously injured on a narrow ledge about 70 feet down from the cliff edge," parks officials said in a statement.



"Rescue personnel successfully completed a high angle extrication using ropes, with support from a Department of Defense helicopter, the man was airlifted to Hilo Medical Center for urgent care."

On Thursday, the unidentified man's condition was upgraded from critical to stable.

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Army officials told KGMB-TV that the man is a soldier from the Schofield Barracks who had been on Big Island as part of a training mission.

Chief Ranger John Broward warned that visitors should never cross safety barriers, "especially around dangerous and destabilised cliff edges".

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The Kilauea volcano erupted last year, destroying an estimated 700 homes across nearly 14 square miles (22 sq/km).

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The United States Geological Survey says that Kilauea "ranks among the world's most active volcanoes and may even top the list," which has been in a near constant state of eruption since 1983.

The last fatality in the park was in October 2017.

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