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Southend's RNLI Hovercraft Is Launched To Injured Man After Sea Wall Fall.

Southend on sea's RNLI search and rescue hovercraft was launched from the inshore boathouse at 22.45hrs to reports of a man suffering leg injuries, having fallen from the sea wall at Waking Stairs on Shoebury's New Ranges.

The volunteer hovercraft crew made their way east around the coast to Waking Stairs, located on the sea wall in the New Ranges, arriving on scene to assist Essex Fire and Rescue and East of England Paramedics. Southend Coastguard team were also in attendance.

The casualty, who had fallen from the sea wall on to the hard surface below, had injured his leg, sustaining a suspected fractured femur.

He was attended to and stabilised by paramedics and put in a stretcher and given Entonox, before being transferred to the hovercraft as the easiest and safest way of moving him from the area.

He was safely ferried by the hovercraft crew to Shoebury Common Slipway along with a paramedic, to be met by the ambulance on arrival, for transfer to hospital. Southend hovercraft returned to station for a wash down and refuel ready for service, with Southend lifeboat crews making for home at 02.00hrs

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