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5 Pedestrians Struck Within 10 Minutes Amid Heavy Snowfall

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Workers clearing a portion of the Third Transport Ring near Savyolovsky Station amid heavy snowfall Wednesday. **Vladimir Filonov**

Five pedestrians were injured in two separate car accidents that occurred 10 minutes apart in Moscow amid heavy snowfall Wednesday.

The first accident occurred around 9 a.m. when a driver on the Moscow Ring Road lost control of his vehicle and drove into a bus stop, Interfax reported.

Four people waiting at the bus stop were injured, including a 10-year-old boy and a 16-year-old boy. They suffered fractured bones, head injuries and lacerations and were taken to the hospital.

The driver was not injured. He passed a sobriety test given to him immediately after the collision and attributed the accident to the poor weather conditions.

Within 10 minutes of that accident, another one occurred a kilometer away, when a driver drove into a pedestrian after losing control of his vehicle.

The city is expected to see heavy snowfall until Friday, with a fifth of the month's normal amount of snow falling within the span of two days.

In addition to the slippery roads proving to be a driving hazard, drivers will also have to endure heavy traffic.

As of 11 a.m., Yandex Traffic assessed the city's traffic jams as eight out of 10, with several multi-kilometer traffic jams throughout the city.

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