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Man Loses Fingers on Moscow Metro Escalator in Bid to Help Woman

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The accident occurred on a moving escalator on Thursday evening.

A man lost two of his fingers in an accident on the Moscow metro Thursday when they became trapped in the escalator, Russian media reported Friday.

The 24-year-old man from Russia's republic of Udmurtia was traveling on the escalator down to the platform at the central Pushkinskaya station at 11.20 p.m. Thursday when he noticed that a young woman standing near him had dropped her cell phone, the TASS news agency reported, citing metro police spokesman Alexei Myshlyayev.

He went to help the woman by trying to retrieve the phone for her, but his chivalrous gesture ended in horror.

“His fingers became trapped underneath the metal and he will have to have the index and middle fingers of his right hand partially amputated,” TASS cited Myshlyayev as saying.

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