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NORWEGIAN ROLLER SKIER SERIOUS AFTER MAJORCA CRASH

● Police reported that over the past few weeks, roller skiing has boomed.

AN 18-year-old Norwegian tourist was rushed to hospital early yesterday morning after suffering a serious accident while out roller skiing in the Playa de Palma.

According to the emergency services, the accident happened just after 09.00 along Avenida America. Apparently the victim and a friend were roller skiing in the direction of the Hotel Pueblo Park at a "considerable" speed behind a coach.

However, the coach slowed to enter into one of the hotel complexes. His fellow skier managed to avoid the coach, but the teenager, apparently hit

the coach and bounced into the path of an oncoming lorry in the other lane. The Norwegian was instantly knocked out and given immediate first aid by paramedics at the scene before being rushed to hospital suffering from severe head injuries.

The lorry driver told investigating police that he could have done nothing to have avoided the skier. Roller skiing is an off-snow equivalent to cross-country skiing. Roller skis have wheels on their ends and are used on tarmac to emulate cross-country skiing. The skiing techniques used are very similar to techniques used in cross-country skiing on snow.



The traumatic scene of yesterday's accident. Photo: Vasil Vasilev.