



Boy, 7, dials 999 to save mother

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Jacob McCauley : award

A SEVEN - year-old boy is to receive an award after saving his mother's life when she collapsed with a ruptured artery.

Jacob McCauley was in the bath with his younger brother, Sam, when their mother, Sue, fell ill suddenly.

The boy climbed out of the bath, lifted his brother out of the water and wrapped him in a towel and then ran to fetch a duvet from the bedroom which he placed over his unconscious mother to keep her warm.

He then dialled 999, giving the emergency operator vital information about his mother's condition and helpful directions to find the family's home in Salisbury, Wilts.

Mrs. McCauley, 31, was taken to hospital where she underwent surgery to repair her aorta.

Doctors told her that her son's quick actions had helped save her.

Mrs. McCauley, whose husband Sean, 35, was at work when she collapsed, said she suffered high blood pressure.

She added :

" I cannot remember what happened, but I am glad Jacob was there. I am very proud of him. "

Jacob is very shy about it and does not like to talk about what he did. I think he's still very shocked by it.

Dennis Lauder, chief executive of the ambulance service, said : " For a seven-year-old boy, Jacob was very clear, concise and calm when he dealt with our operator. "

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VOCABULARY

dial : composer un numéro de téléphone

award : (ici) : médaille

collapse : s'effondrer

emergency : urgence

underwent surgery : subir une intervention chirurgicale

dealt with : (ici) : s'adressa à

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1 - Recopiez les éléments ci-dessous et complétez les en donnant l'information correspondante :

young boy's surname :

young boy's first name :

mother's age :

city where the family lives :

2 - Vrai ou Faux ? Justifiez en citant le texte.

(Ne recopiez pas les énoncés ci-dessous mais reportez sur votre copie les numéros correspondants).

- 1) The young boy's brother is more than 7 years old.
- 2) Sam and his brother were in their bedroom when the accident happened.
- 2) The young boy's father was in the house when the accident took place.
- 4) The young boy is very discreet about what he did.

3 - Répondez en anglais aux questions suivantes.

(Faites des phrases complètes)

- 1) Why will the boy receive an award ?
- 2) What happened to his mother ?
- 2) Where was the mother taken to ?
- 4) Why did she collapse ?
- 5) How old is her husband ?
- 6) What does the mother think of her son ?

4 - Posez les questions portant sur les éléments soulignés :

- 1) He dialled 999.
- 2) Dennis Lauder said the boy was very calm.
- 3) The accident happened last year

5 - Répondez en anglais à la question suivante :

(50 mots environ)

What do you think of the young hero and his reaction ?