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Sweden;s Crown Princess Victoria injured in ski accident in Italy

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USPA News - Swedish Crown Princess Victoria was slightly injured Monday and airlifted to a hospital in Switzerland after falling in a skiing accident in northwest Italy, the royal palace confirmed, adding that she was feeling well after being released. The accident happened on Monday morning when the 36-year-old princess fell while skiing with her husband and other members of the royal family in the alpine resort of Breuil-Cervinia in northwest Italy.

She was first airlifted to the nearby city of Aosta before being taken to a hospital in Geneva, Switzerland. "The crown princess suffered a sprain in the foot but is feeling otherwise well," the royal palace said in a brief statement, with a spokeswoman adding that the injury is not expected to affect Victoria`s public commitments. The crown princess was released from hospital later on Monday afternoon but it was not immediately clear whether she would go home or return to the resort. Sweden is a constitutional monarchy in which the royals carry out a largely ceremonial and representative role. King Carl XVI Gustaf has served as the country`s head of state since September 1973, and his eldest child, 36-year-old Crown Princess Victoria, is due to succeed him.

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