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2 year old saves twin brother from fallen dresser

On January 3rd 2017, an incredible and heart stopping moment was caught on a security camera as 2 year old Brock Shoff was trapped under a fallen dresser that he and his twin had been playing near.

Bowdy, Brocks twin had immediately wriggled free from the falling dresser and was unharmed, however Brock had become trapped beneath the heavy shelf and despite his wails, their parents did not hear in time.

2 year old Bowdy stood back and watched for a few seconds before trying desperately to free his brother, pushing the cabinet and then trying to lift it. When this was not successful, Bowdy gave the cabinet one last push and it slid easily off of the twin.

Amazingly, both were taken to hospital and neither suffered any injury. The boy's parents, living in Orem, Utah, didn't realise their son's incredible feat until they reviewed the surveillance video and watched their son free his brother.

The twins mother, Kayli Shoff, has told the press that whilst watching the video her 'heart sank,' and fondly describes her son as, 'outgoing, smart and strong.' Both parents are now shocked and amazed that their son was able to accomplish the task of freeing his younger brother.

To add to this, the mother has reported that she bolted the dresser to the wall after seeing the video and warns others to do the same. The Manufacturers of the dresser, popular Swedish furniture store IKEA, have recalled 29 million of their drawers now that a third child died as a result of their drawers, making Brock and Bowdy's mother ever more grateful that hers was saved. IKEA gave out warnings and free anchoring kits and refunds to everyone who had purchased their furniture and the US CPSC showed a demo revealing just how easy it is for a child to tip a dresser.

However, according to the Sun, sceptics now brand the new video as a fake. Some have accused the father who worked for a nanny cam selling company, to be using the

'stunt' as advertisement material. Sceptics say that there was nothing in the drawers and that it was not an accident that the parents didn't hear the wails of the young boy.

However both parents have denied these allegations and argue that it was not a stunt. They have said that posting it online wasn't for 15 minutes of fame as was accused but was to raise awareness to other parents around the world.

The video, which has over 4.1million views on YouTube, has done just that, and hoax or not, the footage of a heroic little boy has helped spread the word to millions to bolt their dressers to their walls for their children's safety.



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