**Injured hiker expected to recover**

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Lexington - A Lexington man is expected to make a full recovery after taking a nasty fall on a Maine trail Wednesday evening.

“He slipped and he fell and he took the blow, most of it on his head,” said Joan Tarkulich, wife of William Tarkulich, 53. He had been hiking on the Appalachian Trail through Mahoosuc Notch in western Maine.

Maine and New Hampshire officials assisted with Tarkulich’s rescue and told [The Sun Journal of Lewistson, Maine](http://www.sunjournal.com/node/35994/) that 30 rescuers carried Tarkulich in a litter for three miles down the trail to its head.

“Mahoosuc Notch is reputed to be the toughest mile on the entire Appalachian Trail, and it very well might be,” rescuer Bob Baribeau of Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue told the Sun Journal.

Tarkulich was transported to a hospital in Berlin, N.H. Joan Tarkulich said her husband spent a few days in intensive care and is now on his way home.

“He’s expected to have a full recovery from the accident,” said Joan.

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