

## Girl, 6, saved from sinkhole

A 6-YEAR-OLD girl thought she was going to die after she fell into a sinkhole during the snowstorm outside the St. Mary's Park Houses in the Bronx.

"It was dark and scary in there," recalled little Kalima Crawford. "I thought I'd never see my mommy again."

Her nightmare began as she was playing in the snow with a friend, London Moreno, 8, by the New York City Housing Authority complex in Mott Haven at 3 p.m. Saturday. London alerted her mother.

"I thought she meant the snow," said London's dad, Francisco Moreno. "I saw she had actually fallen in a hole. She was waist-deep in water and panicking."

Moreno and two men pulled the first-grader out of the hole. During the rescue, Kalima (inset) desperately clung to pipes to keep from sliding further inside. After being rescued, she was rushed to Lincoln Hospital.

"Her whole body was in the hole," said Kalima's mother, Sharon Burrell, 38. "I started screaming out of my lungs. . . . I was afraid she was going to drown."

She plans to sue the city and has retained lawyer Sanford Rubenstein.

"The safety of our residents is of paramount importance. We are looking into the incident," a NYCHA spokesman said.

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