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### **Keeper Injured at Toledo Zoo**

Toledo, Ohio – Toledo Zoo officials report that an elephant keeper was injured during an interaction with an African elephant today. The incident occurred at approximately 3:45 p.m., and the keeper was taken to University of Toledo Medical Hospital. At the time that the keeper was transferred to the hospital, the keeper was conscious and coherent.

The Toledo Zoo is currently investigating the incident to attempt to determine what transpired, and they are working on a plan to manage the elephants through the coming days and into the future. The Zoo currently plans to keep the elephants on exhibit.

The elephant, a seven-year-old male named Louie, has been under the keeper's care since the elephant was born at the Zoo in 2003. A visitor to The Toledo Zoo witnessed the incident and notified Zoo personnel, who summoned assistance.

The Toledo Zoo will release more information as it becomes available.