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## Electrical fire extinguished at state North Mall Office Building

Salem-Salem Fire Department has extinguished a small electrical fire at the North Mall Office Building, the state Department of Administrative Services announced tonight at 10:35.

The fire started sometime between 9 and 9:30 p.m. in the building's main electrical room. The cause of the fire has not been determined, but it appears the fire originated in the battery packs used to power the emergency outdoor lighting system. Black smoke went into the building, which activated the building's fire alarm. The Salem Fire Department responded immediately to the alarm.

"The fire was contained in the main electrical room. Other than the slight smell of smoke, the remainder of the building appears to have experienced no effect," said Phil Teague, DAS Facilities Division Operations Manager. "The building will be open regular hours on Monday, December 12."

The North Mall Office Building is located at 725 Summer Street NE, in Salem. Tenants of the building include the following state departments: Oregon Housing and Community Services; Oregon Parks and Recreation; Oregon Water Resources.