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Fire prompts evacuation of mixed-used Brighton building

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(Matt Rocheleau for Boston.com)

Fire officials at the scene Wednesday in Brighton Center shortly before 1 p.m.

By Matt Rocheleau, Globe Correspondent

A fire today led to the evacuation of the top floor of a four-story, brick building in Brighton Center containing businesses on the first level and apartments on the floors above.

The blaze just before noon at 335 Washington St. caused no injuries. It was extinguished within 15 minutes and left damage estimated around \$15,000, according to Boston Fire Department officials.

The fire began in a vacant, fourth-floor apartment unit at the rear of the building where

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workers were installing carpeting, according to fire department spokesman Steve MacDonald. He said fumes from an adhesive used to install the carpet built up in the unit, which was "not well-ventilated." When the fumes came in contact with a pilot light in the stove, it sparked the fire, officials said.

The spokesman was not sure how many people were evacuated, but he said that people, including a sizable number of elderly residents, were being allowed back into the building shortly after 1 p.m. Officials responded to the fire at 11:51 a.m.

The building's exterior says it was built in 1897. Known as the Warren Building or Warren Hall, it once housed a music venue, the [Crosstown Bus Club](#).

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