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Update: Engineering building closed due to battery fire

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Editor's Note: This is a breaking news story. Updates will be provided as they become available.

A fire occurred in the Colorado State University Engineering Building located on north campus near the Lory Student Center on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 28.



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Poudre Fire Authority crews responded to reports of a battery fire at 2:05 p.m. according to a statement posted to Instagram. The fire began in the B111 research lab inside the building and originated from a lithium ion battery, CSU Director of Crisis Communications Nik Olsen said. No further details about what caused the battery to catch fire have been released.

The fire was contained and put out by PFA responders. The building was evacuated, and no one was injured during the incident, according to the statement from PFA.

CSU put out an alert notifying the campus community about the fire just after 6 p.m. The Engineering Building was closed to the public Thursday, Feb. 29, for remediation efforts, according to the alert.

CSU Environmental Health Services and Facilities Management crews have successfully ventilated the building and cleaned the affected areas, according to a CSU Public Safety alert put out just after 4 p.m. Thursday.

The alert also confirmed that the building will reopen to the public Friday, March 1.

“Rooms B111, B109 and B103 will remain closed for further remediation and restoration work, as well as hallways adjacent to the area to all access for workers,” the CSU alert said.

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