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Subject: Lessons Learned: Unacceptable fire risks

Lessons Learned: How hazardous are the chemicals in your classroom experiments and demos? Have you done a full hazard analysis or only relied on a previous demo instruction? I don't know what chemical was involved in this incident, but I don't think a chemical that could ignite on contact with the floor should be used in a classroom.

SCHOOL SCIENCE EXPERIMENT GOES AWRY, INJURES 3 STUDENTS

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<http://www.kmbc.com/news/school-science-experiment-goes-awry-injures-3-students/32045706?Content%2520Type=Story&linkId=13165585>

TOPEKA, Kan. —A science experiment gone awry has injured three high school students in Topeka.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reported that liquid from the experiment spilled onto the floor and ignited during class Wednesday afternoon at Highland Park High School. District spokesman Ron Harbaugh said in an email Thursday that the fire spread to the feet of three students.

Harbaugh said the students were taken for medical treatment, but he didn't elaborate on the degree of their injuries. The email said two of the students were in school Thursday and that the third student was expected to be at school Friday.

Harbaugh also didn't go into much detail about the science experiment, except to say it "had been done numerous times in the class."

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