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## Chemical spill at Drake University halts classes

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A hazardous materials team from the Des Moines Fire Department is at the Harvey Ingham science building on the campus of Drake University this afternoon working on a chemical spill.

Fire Capt. Tony Merrill said a shelf of chemicals toppled, causing the spill. The building was evacuated.

Students who have finals scheduled for 2 p.m., at Harvey Ingham Hall will take the test in another building.

Drake officials said one worker was taken to a local hospital as a precautionary measure. The incident occurred about 11:30 a.m. Officials said a professional company that recycles and disposes of chemicals for schools and businesses was working in the building when the accident occurred.

The injured worker was employed by that company. The building was being ventilated at last report.

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