



Alcohol-based hand sanitizer ignites at mall

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SAUGUS, MA — Efforts by the [Square One Mall](#) to keep patrons healthy by providing alcohol-based hand sanitizer stations backfired after one of the sanitizing units spontaneously combusted earlier this week, according to [The Daily Item](#).

The machine is powered by batteries rather than electricity, so many are puzzled as to how the blaze ignited, the story stated.

[Town of Saugus Fire Department Chief James Blanchard](#) said: "It had spread up the wall and set off the sprinklers. We're still looking into how that got started. We're trying to see if anyone else has had a similar problem. It's kind of unusual. I've never seen anything like this."

No one was hurt in the incident that was contained to a small area near the restrooms of the Square One Mall's food court, the story noted.

[Simon Malls](#), which owns Square One Mall, has placed similar dispensers in all of its malls, the story added.

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