



# News Release

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## Oregon State Penitentiary reports smoke in ventilation duct

Earlier this morning, staff at the Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP) noticed a smoking ventilation duct within the Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) furniture factory; it is now smoldering. The Salem fire department responded and is currently still on site.

Inmates, with the exception of a small number in the culinary section, have been returned to their cells and the facility is locked down. Morning visiting has been canceled and will reopen for the afternoon session. No injuries to staff or inmates have been reported, and the damage was contained to the furniture factory. Staff have accounted for all inmates.

OSP is Oregon's only maximum-security prison, located in Salem, and houses over 2,000 male inmates. OSP is surrounded by a 25-foot-high wall with 10 towers. The facility has multiple special housing units including death row, disciplinary segregation, behavioral health, intermediate care housing, and an infirmary (with hospice) with 24-hour nursing care. OSP participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises including the furniture factory, laundry, metal shop, and contact center. It provides a range of correctional programs and services including education, work-based education, inmate work crews, and pre-release services. OSP was established in 1866 and, until 1959, was Oregon's only prison.

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