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Explosion at the Division of Combustion Physics, Department of Physics

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What happened?

- Yesterday, 21 November 2018, at 11.45 an explosion occurred in the Enoch Thulin Laboratory, Division of Combustion Physics
- The Enoch Thulin Laboratory was evacuated immediately and a rescue operation by the fire brigade was started at 11.47
- The entire Fysicum complex was evacuated at around 12.15 by the fire brigade for safety reasons.
- The rescue operation was finished by around 3 p.m.



What happened?

- An explosion occurred in close proximity to an air compressor on the combustion "rig"
- The wall towards the university road outside was blown away and significant damage occurred inside the building.
- Two people on the outside of the building were thrown to the ground. One of them suffered minor injuries and both were shocked. One of them was taken care of by the occupational health service, the other by the primary care. The police is in contact with both of them.
- Otherwise nobody suffered from physical injuries.
- Significant damage occurred on the outside of the building (cars).



What happened?

- The on-place police investigation work regarding a work place accident was concluded yesterday night.
- Our landlord, Akademiska hus, will now investigate the stability of the Enoch Thulin Laboratory building/building E of the Fysicum complex.
- The Department of Physics and Lund University will start their investigation today of what has led to the accident and which safety measures will have to be taken.



How are the activities of the Department of Physics affected?

- Normal teaching operations with the exception of a few students lab exercises that normally are carried out in building E of the Fysicum complex
- Normal research operations at all parts of the Fysicum complex besides research in building E
- All other activities are ongoing as normally besides any activities in building E.
- Affected students have received separate information.
- Time scale for opening building E is not yet settled.



Whom can you talk to?

- If you feel bad or experience anxiety about what has happened, you can talk to:
- Staff: Occupational Health Service (Företagshälsovården), <http://www.fhv.lu.se>, phone 046 222 32 80
- Students: Studenthälsan, <https://www.lu.se/studera/livet-som-student/service-och-stod/studenthalsan>, phone 046-222 43 77
- Safety representatives (Skyddsombud)
- Division heads
- Study advisors (studievägledare)



Thank you

- To the staff of Combustion Physics for effective handling of the accident
- To the staff of the administrations of the Faculties of Science and Technology for effective support
- All staff at Fysicum for effective evacuation
- Fire brigade and police for good collaboration during the rescue operation





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