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### **No injuries in organic chemistry lab explosion on UCT Upper Campus**

An explosion occurred in an organic chemistry laboratory on the seventh floor of the PD Hahn Building at the University of Cape Town in the early hours of Thursday, 02 September 2010. Nobody was in the lab and there were no injuries. Damage to the facilities is being assessed.

Postgraduate students working in laboratories in other parts of the building alerted campus security staff and were safely evacuated from the building. Emergency services arrived promptly on the scene, secured the fire and determined that nobody was injured in the explosion. UCT's security staff are working with Fire Department investigators to determine the cause of the explosion and prevent any recurrence.

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