



ALL CLEAR: The Georgetown Market Place was closed for nearly five hours after Halton Regional Police conducted an investigation of a suspicious package discovered early Friday morning (Oct. 7).

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Police bomb squad investigates suspicious package at Georgetown Market Place

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The Georgetown Market Place was shut down for a few hours after Halton Regional Police conducted an investigation of a suspicious package discovered early Friday morning (Oct. 7).

According to Halton Regional Police Sgt. Barry Malciw, officers were called to the mall after a maintenance worker discovered a suspicious package in a garbage bag in a bin outside the mall at about 6 a.m.

The mall re-opened at 10:40 a.m. Access to the mall parking lot was blocked by police cruisers at several

entrance points.

The Explosives Disposal Unit responded and after an investigation, in which a water cannon device was used. A woman on scene said she heard a loud noise, like an explosion or a gunshot.

The suspicious item was found to be a row of small batteries strung together, but wasn't attached to anything.

There's nothing to suggest any criminality was involved, said Acting Det. Sgt. Barrett Gabriel.

We will follow up and do our due diligence, but it looks like it could have been a kid's science experiment that was thrown in the garbage.

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