

# Suspicious powder could have been corn starch

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terday. The store manager didn't want to comment.

The woman with the rash was taken to Milton District Hospital Tuesday and released later that day.

A second female employee complained of a sore throat Tuesday but didn't require medical attention. The two male employees working the same shifts were in good health.

Kim Mason, a manager at the Royal Bank where the coins came from, said police searched the bank Tuesday and didn't feel it necessary to close the branch.

She said the majority of the rolled coins the bank receives come from customers. The bank then in turn hands the rolls out to various patrons.

"Some customers like to put corn starch in the rolls to keep the coins from sticking together," Ms Mason said, adding armoured trucks also drop off rolled coins.

Monica Sweeney was working at the Nutrition House, the store next to San Diego, when stores were shut down by police.

"We were told a substance was found at San Diego and as a precaution they were closing down the surrounding stores. I was a little concerned yesterday because I was the one working, but I feel fine today. (Firefighters) came in full suits and took the necessary precautions."

David Sloan, superintendent of the Canada Post Corp. in Milton, said the likelihood of a suspicious package or letter coming through the town's postal office is small.

"It's always a concern, but nothing like that has come through." If a suspicious item is sent through the post office, police would be notified, he added.

Halton Police Chief Ean Algar is encouraging people to assess the situation before calling police to report an unidentified substance.

"There are significant resource implications when police are called to respond to incidents that are unlikely to be linked to a criminal act. We do not want people to take any unnecessary risks but we also want people to be certain there is a legitimate concern. We have a safe community and we will endeavour to keep Halton one of the safest communities in Canada."

Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton's medical officer of health, said every incident has to be treated seriously, but said as of late all the tests across Ontario have tested negative for anthrax.

"Halton, and in fact Ontario, is felt to be a low-risk area for bioterrorism," he said, adding information was sent out to about 600 Halton physicians.

"The focus is on surveillance, on watching for manifestations of illness or unusual clusters of illness."

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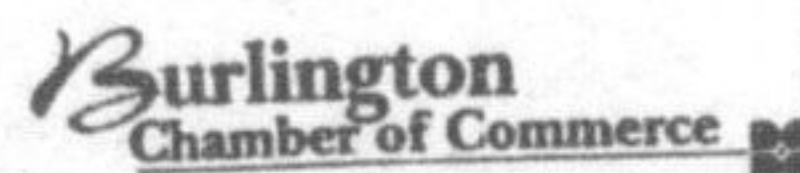
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