

## Forklift causes fire

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**MILFORD** -- A forklift sparked a fire in a bottle-manufacturing plant last night that could have quickly turned into a much more destructive blaze, firefighters said.

Deputy Fire Chief Bill Touhey said the fire at the Saint Gobain plant on National Street was under investigation, but that a forklift somehow set fire to a pallet of cardboard boxes.

The fire started at about 5 p.m. in the middle of a warehouse where the cardboard boxes are stored and was not suspicious, he said. No one was injured in the fire, which was put out by about 5:30. Hopkinton firefighters also responded.

It was not clear exactly how the forklift started the fire, Touhey said, but it could have been much bigger because of all the cardboard in the building. The fire did not cause any structural damage to the plant, which operates 24 hours a day, according to Touhey.

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