

## Contained fire results in temporary closure of TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

**EDMONTON, AB — January 20, 2025 —** TELUS World of Science – Edmonton is temporarily closed, for precautionary reasons, after a small fire started and was immediately contained around 1 p.m. on Monday, January 20th.

While the cause of the fire is not yet confirmed, it is not considered to be suspicious in nature. The flames were contained to a small area and Edmonton Fire Rescue Services responded quickly. No significant damage is expected, and no exhibits were impacted.

A number of school groups were on site at the time of the incident, all of whom were evacuated safely and escorted by TELUS World of Science – Edmonton staff to safe locations on buses and at the Edmonton Police Association building across the street. This ensured all evacuees were safe and warm. The use of the Edmonton Police Association’s facility is part of an ongoing agreement between the Association and TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.

“We are extremely grateful for the quick response of Edmonton Fire Rescue Services,” said Kyla Amrhein, Director of Marketing and Community Relations. “It is reassuring to know we are prepared to act quickly and effectively in the best interest of our guests and our staff, and that our community partners – including first responders and EPS – are always ready to keep our community safe.”

At this time, TELUS World of Science – Edmonton is closed while staff continue to work with first responders and our City of Edmonton partners to prepare the facility for reopening. Updates for reopening will be provided at [www.telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca](http://www.telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca) and on official social media channels.

Any guests with passes or bookings, or who have made other arrangements which apply while the facility is closed, are asked to contact the Centre on Tuesday, Jan. 21st at 780-451-3344, during regular operating hours (9am to 5pm). Guests will either receive refunds or be given the opportunity to reschedule their bookings for a later date.

“Our priority right now is to ensure the safety of all our visitors, staff, and volunteers,” Amrhein said. “We are working closely with our City of Edmonton partners and are grateful that this will only result in minor disruptions to delivering on our mission to create a community of curious minds through the wonders of science. We look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as possible.”

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### About TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

*TELUS World of Science – Edmonton’s mission is to: Ignite curiosity. Inspire discovery. Celebrate science. Change lives. We are a destination to engage Albertans’ hearts and minds in science. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.*