

Shoppers evacuated after fire breaks out at Ikea



A fire broke out at Ikea at Straiton this evening around 5 pm. All shoppers including one of our readers and staff were evacuated.

Two fire appliances at Ikea now and a police car. Shop evacuated. pic.twitter.com/ZqSsJ9tInI

– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [August 31, 2014](#)

[@EdinReporter](#) yes, i was directed out of [#ikea](#) at the fire exist next to the fire! Saw it clear as day! Huge!

– STEVEN COX (@stevencoxart) [August 31, 2014](#)

Later the store manager issued a statement: “We can confirm that earlier this evening a fire was found in our self-serve warehouse.

“As soon as we were made aware we safely evacuated all co-workers and customers from the store and the fire services arrived on site shortly after.

“The fire was quickly brought under control and we are now in the process of assessing the damage and investigating the cause.

“The store remained closed for the rest of this evening, however we hope to open for trading as normal tomorrow. We

apologise to customers for any inconvenience caused as a result of the early closure of the store today."