



Arvada Fire Protection District

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HAZ MAT SPILL TEMPORARILY CLOSES MARKET

WHEAT RIDGE – Arvada fire fighters and Haz Mat Team responded to Heinie’s Market at 11801 W. 44th Avenue in Wheat Ridge because of a chemical spill this afternoon. The chemical was approximately one quart of Malathion in a 10% concentrate.

A man in his 20’s was taken to St. Anthony’s Central by Pridemark Paramedics with upper extremity pain. Two other employees were treated and released on scene. Custom Environmental Services is handling the clean up. Once everything is cleaned up, the store will be able to safely reopen. There is an unknown time on that process.

With temperatures in the low 90’s today, the heat played a factor in the fire fighter’s response. Entry crews needed to wear encapsulated suits to protect themselves while they worked. Fire fighters were closely monitored for any medical conditions that may have come up because of the high temperatures.

According to the EPA’s website, Malathion is an organophosphate (OP) insecticide that has been registered for use in the United States since 1956. It is used in agriculture, residential gardens, public recreation areas, and in public health pest control programs. When applied in accordance with the rate of application and safety precautions specified on the label, Malathion can be used to kill mosquitoes without posing unreasonable risks to human health or the environment.

NOTE: The Arvada Fire Protection District covers the citizens and businesses of the city of Wheat Ridge that are north of Clear Creek.

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