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Workers forced to evacuate after couch set alight in the Public Trustees office

A MAN is in custody after a deliberately lit fire forced the evacuation of the Public Trustees Office.

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A MAN has been arrested after pouring petrol on a couch and setting it alight in the Public Trustee's office in Adelaide.

Police and the Metropolitan Fire Service were called to the building on Victoria Square just after 1pm on Monday after reports a man had set fire to a couch in the public seating area.

Security managed to extinguish the small fire and the building was evacuated as a precaution.

No one was injured.

A 38-year-old Elizabeth East man was arrested nearby after a brief search.

After questioning he was charged with arson and committing acts to endanger life.

He was refused bail and is expected to appear in the Adelaide Magistrates Court tomorrow.

The Public Trustee maintains full time security at its offices.

A spokesperson said the office was working to re-open the shopfront as quickly as possible.

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