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Explosion at Fairdale factory, injuries reported

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LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - Emergency crews were on the scene of an explosion at a duct work factory in Fairdale Thursday afternoon.

Fairdale fire chief Don Wittry said five workers suffered facial, head and arm injuries at Shape Manufacturing at 1987 South Park Road. At least one of them was taken to a hospital.

Wittry said a 300-yard PVC pipe filled with compressed air exploded across the entire length of the building, sending shrapnel from the shattered pipe onto the workers' heads. It was not immediately clear what caused the pipe, which Wittry described as 6 to 8" in diameter, to burst.

There was no fire associated with the explosion.

OSHA, the Kentucky Fire Marshal, and health department officials investigated the explosion. The building will be inspected to make sure it is safe.

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Police and fire crews on the scene of an explosion at Shape Manufacturing in Fairdale.

