Safe Handling of Flammable Liquids Fatality File



Man dies after restaurant explosion in Sydney’s west.

A man has died after he was injured during an explosion in a restaurant in Sydney’s west.

The explosion occurred in the bar, which was full of customers, at the On Sunset Lebanese restaurant on River Road in Parramatta last month.

The 24-year-old staff member was standing near the blast and suffered severe burns to his arms, face and chest and was left in a coma.

He has since died from his injuries.

The cause of the explosion is believed to be a cleaning agent that was poured over the floor which ignited when a dishwasher was turned on.

“A flammable liquid was laid down to clean the bar and run the length of the bar, so the fire explosion was around about the length of the bar, which was a significant fire,” Fire and Rescue NSW Superintendent Andrew Shurety said.