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## ASDA Walthamstow: FIRE

Colleagues,

As you may have heard, a few days ago there was a major fire in the mall where Asda Walthamstow is located in North London. Thanks to the swift actions of all involved, there are no known injuries reported as a result of the incident.

The extensive damage has meant that there is a likelihood of the store being closed for a significant period of time. For now, all colleagues have been relocated to nearby stores, where they will continue working with Asda Walthamstow management until their return to the store after reopening.



GMB London Region would like to praise Asda for the quick response to this incident, and thank them for working closely with GMB upon all arrangements involving the affected members. We have since agreed with Asda to implement a point of contact for everyone affected with our Walthamstow GMB Shop Stewards, who will be available for support, guidance and assistance for during this uncertain time.

We would also like to praise the emergency services for their excellent work at the time, we are all extremely grateful for the massive effort in the response to this incident that led to zero reported injuries.

As soon as it is safe to do so, GMB London Region Shop Stewards will work with the store manager and others to assist Asda in retrieving personal belongings from the store for all affected members.

GMB London Region plan to remain in direct contact with all members affected by this incident, so that we can keep everyone as updated as possible and provide support for issues arising from being displaced to other stores.

If you have been affected by this incident and would like support, or have other queries that you would like to raise with GMB London Region, please speak to your local shop steward or visit our GMB Members' Support Centre at [www.gmb-asda.com/support](http://www.gmb-asda.com/support)

Regards,

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