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Buffalo Wild Wings employee dies after exposure to ‘common’ cleaning agent, 10 others hospitalized.

An employee of a Buffalo Wild Wings in Massachusetts died, and 10 others were hospitalized Thursday night after being exposed to a cleaner inside the restaurant.

Just after 5:30 p.m. Thursday, emergency responders in Burlington were called to the scene following the report of a “sick individual and a potential chemical release,” interim Fire Chief Michael Patterson told reporters in a video from the scene.

Patterson said the fire department arrived and found a man being treated by paramedics outside of the restaurant. He was transported to a hospital, where he died.

The man, an employee of the restaurant, was exposed to a sodium hypochlorite cleaning agent called “Super 8,” which Patterson said is commonly used. Of the 11 total people hospitalized as a result of the incident, only two were customers, Patterson said.

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A Buffalo Wild Wings spokesperson in a statement referred questions to local authorities, citing an ongoing investigation.

“We are shocked and saddened to learn of this tragic accident at our franchise-owned sports bar and are working closely with our franchisee and the authorities while they conduct an investigation,” the spokesperson said.