

Toilet sausage chef causes prison unit evacuation

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CLALLAM BAY, Wash. (AP) — An inmate hankering for hot sausage got in hot water when the cooking fire he set in his toilet forced the evacuation of a prison wing. Clallam Bay Corrections Center spokeswoman Denise Larson said smoke was spotted about 9:25 p.m. Wednesday coming from a sewer vent pipe. She says 130 inmates from the close-custody unit of the prison near the tip of Washington's Olympic Peninsula were evacuated to a dining hall while local firefighters and prison staff responded.

The smoke was traced to the inmate's cell, and he admitted trying to heat up snack sausage bought from an inmate store in the stainless steel toilet, Larson says. The toilet chef was placed in segregation pending discipline, while the other prisoners were returned to their cells by midnight.

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