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## Fashion Island back in business

Shopping returned to normal Tuesday at Fashion Island in the final rush before Christmas after a blast at a nearby electrical vault darkened the retail center hours before closing Monday night.

"We're full up and running," spokeswoman Shayne Voorheis said Tuesday.

A woman suffered burns when the underground vault, located off the mall's property near the Edwards Big Newport 6 theater at San Miguel and Newport Center Drive blew up at 6:55 p.m. Monday. The woman's name was not released.

The explosion, believed to be accidental, caused a power outage that forced the retail center to shut down at 9:15 p.m. Nearby office buildings also were affected.

- **Greg Hardesty**

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