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Investigation into liquid contaminant

ACT Policing is investigating an incident in which a 60-year-old woman has ingested a caustic substance and received burns to her throat.

The incident was reported to police on Friday, June 15, when officers were called to The Canberra Hospital where the woman was treated.

Police formally interviewed the victim on Sunday (June 17), when it was confirmed that the liquid was consumed from a 375mL bottle of apple juice stored in a refrigerator at her workplace.

The bottle's screw top was reportedly sealed as new before the victim opened it.

Police are liaising with ACT Health and related agencies, and enquiries with the company which produced the apple juice are ongoing.



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