

At least 1 dead, 5 injured after car explodes outside fertility clinic in California's Palm Springs

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At least one person died and five others were reported to be injured after an explosion in a parked car near a fertility centre in Palm Springs, California on Saturday mornings, local authorities said.

The explosion took place at around 11am (local time) less than a mile from downtown Palm Springs, which is near several businesses including the American Reproductive Centres, BBC reported.

The fertility clinic in a statement said that no one from their centre was injured but the incident reported one fatality and several others were injured. The identity of the deceased person has not been revealed and officials didn't immediately confirm if the person who died was associated with the car or not.

Palm Springs police, after confirming the death of one individual, said that it was an "intentional act of violence" but refrained from releasing any further details. Palm Springs police chief Andy Mills in a statement said "The blast appears to be an intentional act of violence. There has been one fatality. The person's identity is not known."

I've been briefed on the explosion near a fertility clinic in Palm Springs.

Jen and I are keeping everyone affected in our hearts.

The state is working closely with local and federal authorities as the investigation unfolds. Please avoid the area.

— Governor Gavin Newsom (@CAgovernor) May 17, 2025

Mills further said that the blast damaged several buildings, while some were severely hit. Citing law enforcement officials, The Guardian reported that five other people were injured due to the explosion.

Aerial images of the site showed the car completely burned-out due to a blast in the parking lot of the clinic. Palm Springs police lieutenant William Hutchinson, quoted by Desert Sun newspaper said "Everything is in question, whether this is an act of terrorism."

California governor Gavin Newsom issued a statement on the innocent and said that the state is coordinating with local and federal authorities to respond to the incident, adding that US attorney general Pam Bondi has also been informed about the explosion.

Reports suggested that the explosion could be felt as far as 2 miles from the American Reproductive Centres fertility clinic.