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Glass Falls from Downtown Building

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A piece of glass has fallen from at least eight stories up at a building downtown Sacramento, smashing on the sidewalk and reminding employees of prior incidents.

The decorative piece of glass fell Wednesday morning from the Board of Equalization Building along N & 5th Streets. It shattered on the sidewalk along 5th Street, at a location where employees tell FOX40 some usually take their smoke breaks.

As FOX40's crew was at the building, another piece of glass fell to the ground, startling employees and other gawkers.

No one was hurt, and drivers are being moved over a lane to allow crews to clean up the glass.

This didn't surprise many, who remember a streak of falling glass back in 2005 from the same building.

Over the summer of 2005, there were repeated incidents of glass falling or becoming dangerously cracked at the 24-story Board of Equalization Building.

At the time, forensic architects looked at the building and said the heatwave of that year created stress on the windows, causing them to break.

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*A piece of decorative glass fell from between the 8th and 9th floors at the Board of Equalization Building in downtown Sacramento Wednesday morning. **CLICK ON THE PHOTO TO SEE MORE PICTURES.***

The architects, hired by the Department of General Services, checked the other nearly 6,000 windows on the building and found no cracks. They did recommend further tests and repairs be done.

No word on if it was the unseasonably warm January that caused Wednesday's fallen glass incident.

FOX40 was told the Board of Equalization Building will be checked out by a structural engineer, and they will assess the safety of the building.

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