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The Butler County Metropolitan Housing Authority (BMHA) suffered an explosion at one of its housing facilities on Monday December 2, 2019 at about 11:30 A.M. The facility is located in the 400 block of Cribbs Avenue in Middletown. The explosion severely damaged the building and made six apartments uninhabitable. There was one reported injury. A person injured their back and was transported to Atrium Medical Center. It is unknown how serious the injury was.

BMHA is working with the Middletown Fire and Police Departments. The cause of the explosion is unknown and is under investigation. The building where the explosion occurred was first opened in 1965. BMHA is working to relocate and assist the tenants displaced by the explosion.

BMHA is a government agency that administers federal housing assistance programs in Butler County, including public housing and Section 8 housing. Its mission is to provide low income families the opportunity to choose and lease safe, decent, and affordable rental housing. BMHA takes the safety and security of its tenants and their visitors seriously and will continue to work with the appropriate entities to determine the cause of this incident and to take any necessary preventative measures going forward.