

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

AJ FASHIONS LTD

HOUSE NO 234/4, KACHUKHET, MIRPUR,

OTHER FACTORIES: NONE



ACCORD
on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

May 6, 2014

SUMMARY

AJ Fashions Ltd was surveyed for fire safety on 5/6/2014 by Hughes Associates, Inc. This summary identifies the major deficiencies that were identified during the inspection.

The purpose of this survey was to identify significant fire safety issues and to provide recommendations for remediation based on applicable standards specified by the Accord. The scope of this initial fire safety inspection was limited to the review and identification of major fire safety issues. The inspection did not include identification of minor deficiencies, which will be further addressed as part of follow-up inspections.

Table 1 summarizes the major fire safety issues identified during the inspection. Recommendations have been provided to address each issue.

An implementation schedule shall be developed by the factory to remediate each of the findings. The specific timing of improvements, including any requested extensions due to design / installation constraints, shall be submitted to the Accord for approval.

Table 1. Findings And Recommendations

No.	Category	Finding	Recommendation	Remediation Timeframe
F-1	Fire Rated Construction	The boiler and generator rooms were not separated by fire-rated construction (openings, non-rated doors, penetrations). Fourth floor.	Separate the boiler and generator rooms by a minimum 2-hr fire-rated construction. Seal and/or protected all openings to maintain the required fire separations	Within 3 months



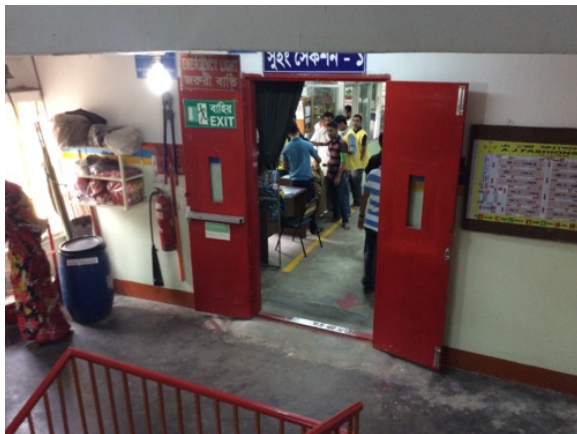
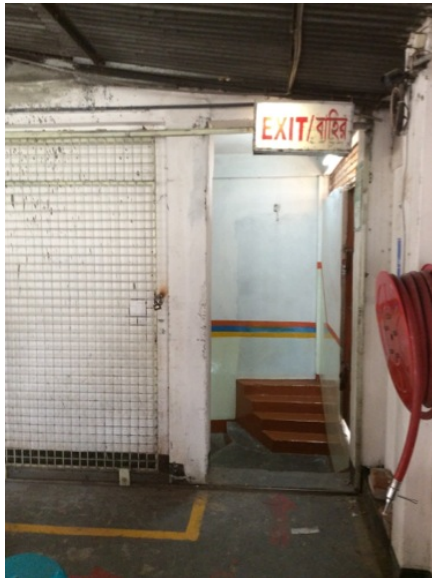


F-2	Fire Rated Construction	Storerooms used for combustible storage are not separated by fire-rated construction. Ground floor bonded storage room and storerooms on first, second, third and fourth floors.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire- construction.	Within 3 months
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F-3	Fire Rated Construction	The exit stairs are not separated from work areas, other spaces on each floor by fire-rated construction. Southeast stairwell is unprotected open with no fire rating and also northwest stairwell	Provide minimum 1.5-hr fire rated doors and seal all unprotected openings to separate the exit stairs from work areas and other building spaces on all floor levels. Ensure that the fire doors are self-closing and positive latching and that they are provided with fire exit (panic) hardware where serving production floors. If fire doors are required to be held open for functional reasons, provide automatic-closing devices tied to the fire alarm system.	Within 3 months
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F-4	Egress	Egress gates with locking features are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes, exit discharge. Gates on all floors at exits. At time of inspection all gates were unlocked.	Remove locking features from all egress gates. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.	Immediate
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F-5	Egress	Collapsible gates / sliding doors are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes, exit discharge. On all floors.	Replace all gates / sliding doors along the means of egress with side-hinged, swinging egress doors. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.	Within 1 month
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F-6	Egress	The width of egress aisles is less than 36-in. On the third floor	Provide minimum aisle widths of 36-in.	Within 3 months
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F-7	Egress	The day-care room does not have direct access to an exit. Ground floor northwest corner.	Provide a minimum 2-hr fire-rated exit corridor between the day-care room and exit.	Within 3 months
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F-8	Fire Protection	The fire alarm system is antiquated, not a listed system, and does not provide alarm and notification features consistent with acceptable standards.	Replace the fire alarm system with a new, listed addressable fire alarm system in accordance with NFPA 72.	Design within 4 months, install within 9 months
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F-9	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing, and maintenance of the fire alarm system is not in accordance with NFPA 72.	Inspect, test and maintain the fire alarm system, and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 3 months
F-10	Egress Lighting	Manual on-off switch is provided for [emergency lighting / exit signage] units. Location: On all floors.	Remove manual on/off switches from [emergency lighting / exit signage] units to prevent them from being switched off.	Within 1 month
F-11	Egress Lighting	Inspection, testing, and maintenance records for the emergency lighting system were not available.	Inspect, test and maintain the emergency lighting system in accordance with The ACCORD standard. Keep written records on-site.	Within 3 months
F-12	Egress Lighting	Exit signage not illuminated (burned out, broken, etc.). First floor not working.	Regularly inspect all exit signage and replace/install lights as needed to illuminate signs.	Within 3 months

