

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

KANIZ FASHIONS LTD
228/A, TEJGAON INDUSTRIAL AREA

**OTHER FACTORIES: KANIZ GARMENTS, ABEDIN
GARMENTS**



ACCORD
on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

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SUMMARY

Kaniz Fashions Ltd was surveyed for fire safety on 4/5/2014 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/Generator/Transformer room is not separated by fire-rated doors from the surrounding areas.	Separate the Boiler/Generator/Transformer room 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	Areas used for combustible storage are not separated by fire-rated construction, due to non-fire-rated doors and vent openings.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction. Where separate storage rooms are not feasible, provide defined storage areas and limit the storage arrangement as follows: - Maximum height of 2.4m and maximum area of 23m² - If sprinkler protected: maximum height of 3.66m and maximum area of 93m² Separate areas of unenclosed combustible storage by a minimum clear distance of 3m.	Within 3 months
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F-3	Fire Rated Construction	The North and Southwest exit stairs are not separated from work areas and other spaces on each floor by fire-rated construction. Non-fire-rated doors and unprotected window openings connect the stairs to the factory floor.	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	Fire Rated Construction	Unsealed penetrations and openings are located in exit stair enclosures.	Seal all penetrations and openings in exit stair enclosure walls to maintain the fire separation.	Within 3 months
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F-5	Egress	Egress doors and gates with locking features were provided at building exits, exit stairs, and exit discharge. Only the doors on the Southeast stair were provided with panic hardware.	Remove locking features from all egress doors and gates. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.	Immediate
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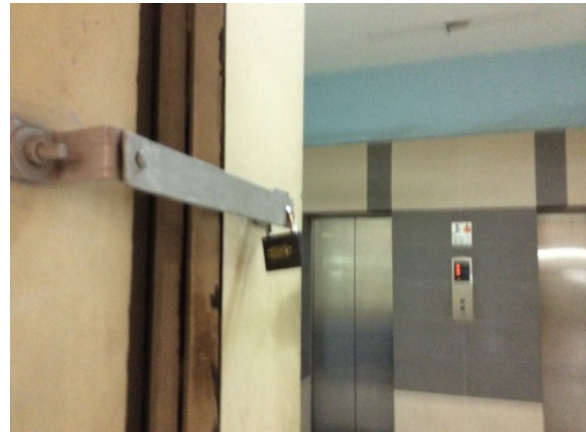
F-6	Egress	Storage was located in the exit stair.	Remove all storage from exit stairs and egress paths.	Immediate
		A large pile of combustible storage was located at the base of the Southwest exit stair on the 1st floor landing. Multiple carts of combustible items were observed on exit stair landings.		



F-7	Egress	A significant amount of storage was located on the ramp from the basement storage.	Keep egress paths and stairs clear of storage.	Immediate
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F-8	Egress	Collapsible gates and sliding doors are provided at North and Southwest exit stair openings.	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 3 months
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F-9	Fire Protection	The high-rise building has an occupied floor greater than 23m (75 ft) and is not provided with automatic sprinkler protection. The large occupant loads, heavy fuel loading, and anticipated extended egress times warrant sprinkler protection.	Provide automatic sprinkler protection throughout the building in accordance with NFPA 13.	Design within 6 months, install within 12 months
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F-10	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing, and maintenance records for the fire alarm system were not available.	Inspect, test and maintain the fire alarm system, and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 3 months
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