

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

RISING FASHIONS LTD.

**PLOT-I/16, BLOCK-K, RUPNAGAR-I/A, MIRPUR-2,
DHAKA-1216**

OTHER FACTORIES: NONE



ACCORD
on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh



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SUMMARY

Rising Fashions Ltd. was surveyed for fire safety on 7/24/2014 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
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F-1	Fire Rated Construction	Means of egress path is through an area of increased hazard due to a high combustible fuel load.	Provide a means of egress that does not require passage through the hazardous area.	Immediate
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F-2	Fire Rated Construction	Non serving electric appliances are located in the SE stairwell.	Remove and relocate the non serving electric appliances to the exterior of the stairwell.	Immediate
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F-3	Fire Rated Construction	The boiler, generator and transformer room is not separated by fire-rated construction (openings, non-rated doors, penetrations).	Separate the boiler, generator and transformer room by a minimum 2-hr fire-rated construction. Seal and protected all openings to maintain the required fire separations	Within 3 months
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F-4	Fire Rated Construction	The exit stairs are not separated from work areas and other spaces on each floor by fire-rated construction.	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-5	Fire Rated Construction	Unsealed penetrations and openings are located in the fire-rated floor/ceiling assemblies.	Seal all penetrations and openings in floor/ceiling assemblies to maintain the fire separation.	Within 3 months
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F-6	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-7	Fire Rated Construction	Areas used for combustible storage on 1st floor are not separated by fire-rated construction.	Provide defined storage areas and limit the storage arrangement as follows: - Maximum height of 2.4m and maximum area of 23m ² - If sprinkler protected: maximum height of 3.66m and maximum area of 93m ² Separate areas of unenclosed combustible storage by a minimum clear distance of 3m.	Within 3 months
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F-8	Fire Rated Construction	The storage on 1st and 3rd floors are not separated by fire-rated construction.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction.	Within 3 months
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F-9	Fire Rated Construction	The SE stairwell stair to ground floor are not enclosed in fire rated construction.	Provide 2-hr continuous stairwell enclosure to exterior ground floor.	Within 3 months
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F-10	Egress	Egress doors and gates with locking features are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes and exit discharge.	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-11	Egress	Storage was located in the exit stairs on ground floor.	Remove all storage from exit stairs and egress paths.	Immediate
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F-12	Egress	Emergency evacuation plans are not posted at the 3rd, 4th and 5th floor.	Provide readily visible or identifiable emergency evacuation plans within next to all exit stairs.	Immediate
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F-13	Egress	Collapsible gates and sliding doors are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes and exit discharge.	<p>Replace all gates and sliding doors along the means of egress with side-hinged, swinging egress doors.</p> <p>If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.</p>	Within 1 month
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F-14	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-15	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
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F-16	Fire Protection	The building is equipped with single-station smoke alarms. Smoke alarm activation sounds only a local alarm and does not provide automatic fire alarm notification of occupants.	Remove single-station smoke alarms. Provide automatic smoke detection throughout the building, tied into the fire alarm system, in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 6 months
F-17	Egress Lighting	Manual on-off switch is provided for emergency lighting units.	Remove manual on/off switches from emergency lighting and exit signage units to prevent them from being switched off.	Within 1 month
				
F-18	Egress Lighting	Inspection, testing, and maintenance for the emergency lighting system was not in accordance with The ACCORD standard.	Inspect, test and maintain the emergency lighting system in accordance with The ACCORD standard. Keep written records on-site.	Within 3 months