



on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

SAFETY NOTIFICATION TO WORKERS IN RBSR FASHIONS LTD.

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The Accord is a legal agreement between international garment brands and unions that represent workers. The purpose of the Accord is to protect the safety of garment workers by inspecting factory buildings, identifying risks to worker safety, and making sure that factory owners eliminate these risks by renovating and repairing the buildings.

The Accord engineers went to RBSR Fashions Ltd. to conduct fire, electrical and structural initial inspections on 1st December 2016 but the RBSR factory management did not allow access to Accord's engineers to conduct the inspections.

The Accord and Accord signatories have made numerous efforts to collaborate with RBSR Fashions Ltd. in order to inspect the factory and assess whether it is safe for workers, but RBSR Fashions Ltd. refused to cooperate.

As a result, the brands that have signed the Accord will no longer do business with RBSR Fashions Ltd. and will no longer place any orders at the factory. The Accord wants to make sure that all workers at RBSR Fashions Ltd. are aware that the building has not been inspected by the Accord and may have fire, electrical and structural safety issues.

If workers choose not to work at RBSR Fashions Ltd. because they notice any safety risks, or if RBSR Fashions Ltd. closes, the brands that have signed the Accord will make an effort to help workers find jobs at nearby factories that are safe. There is no guarantee that a job will be available, but the brands will try to assist.

For information, workers can contact:

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Also, the government of Bangladesh has established a helpline for RMG workers at: 0800-4455000. There is no charge for calling this number.

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