



on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

## **SAFETY NOTIFICATION TO WORKERS IN JAYCEE'S APPARELS**

Address: 227 Outer Circular Road, Boro Moghbazar, Dhaka

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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 has conducted an inspection of Jaycee's Apparels on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and found a number of problems that could cause serious harm to workers. The Accord has asked Jaycee's Apparels to make changes to eliminate these risks. Unfortunately, Jaycee's Apparels has failed to:

- Remove locking features or rendered inoperable from the egress doors/gates. This could result in workers be locked in the factory during a fire or another emergency.
- Remove collapsible gates/sliding door/rolling shutters. This could be an obstacle for workers during evacuation in case of fire incident or another emergency.
- Submit a detailed analysis of the structural safety of the building and fix any problems with the building structure. This could result in the failure of the structure and injuries to workers.
- Cooperate for Fire and Electrical Inspection.

The Accord has made many efforts to get the owners of Jaycee's Apparels to fix these safety hazards, so that workers will be safe, but the owners have refused to do so.

As a result, Jaycee's Apparels is unsafe for workers. Because of this, the brands that have signed the Accord will no longer do business with Jaycee's Apparels and will no longer place any orders at the factory. The Accord wants to make sure that all workers at Jaycee's Apparels are aware that the building is not safe.

If workers choose not to work at Jaycee's Apparels because of these safety risks, or if Jaycee's Apparels 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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