

Indiana Department of Labor

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration
402 West Washington Street, Room W195
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Phone: (317) 232-1979 FAX: (317) 233-3790



Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

To:
Madison County Government, dba Coroner's Office
and its successors
16 East 9th Street
Anderson, IN 46016

Inspection Number: 1617924
CSHO ID: B2087
Optional Report No.: 0551800
Inspection Date(s): 08/29/2022 - 04/11/2023
Issuance Date: 04/24/2023

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The violation(s) described in this Safety Order and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

An inspection of your workplace of employment has revealed conditions which we believe do not comply with the provisions of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act (Indiana Code Chapter 22-8-1.1) or the standards or rules adopted thereunder. Accordingly, enclosed please find safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty describing such violation(s) with references to applicable standards, rules or provisions of the statute and stating the amount of any penalty(ies).

Informal Conference – Please be advised that it may be possible to informally settle any potential dispute without initiating the more elaborate proceedings brought on by a petition for review. Prior to filing a petition for review, you may request an informal conference concerning any results of the inspection (safety orders, penalties, abatement dates, etc.) by contacting the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA, preferably by telephone, in a prompt manner. Please be advised that a request for an informal conference cannot extend the fifteen working day period for filing a petition for review. Informal conferences frequently resolve any possible disputes, and therefore you are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Because of the limited time period and in order to facilitate scheduling, any requests for an informal conference should be made promptly upon your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.

Right to Contest – You are hereby also notified that you are entitled to seek administrative review of the safety order(s), penalty(ies), or both by filing a written petition for review at the above address postmarked within fifteen working days of your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. (“Working days” means Mondays through Fridays, but does not include Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays under a state statute or days on which the Indiana Department of Labor’s offices are closed during regular business hours). If you do not file such a petition for review (contest), the safety

order(s) and penalty(ies) shall be deemed final orders of the Board of Safety Review and not subject to review by any court or agency. The issuance of a safety order does not constitute a finding that a violation has occurred unless no petition for review is filed, or if a petition for review (contest) is filed, it must contain a statement of its basis and should reference the above inspection number. Upon receipt of your petition for review, we will affirm, amend or dismiss the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. If we affirm, your petition for review will be granted (unless it was not timely) and the dispute will be certified by the Board of Safety Review for further proceedings. The Board of Safety Review is an independent board appointed by the governor with authority to conduct legal proceedings leading up to and including administrative hearings or assign an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct the same, and to issue decisions concerning disputed safety orders and notifications of penalties. If we amend the safety order(s) or notification(s) of penalty, your petition for review shall be deemed moot. However, you will then be given an opportunity to file a petition for review concerning the amended safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.

Please be advised that an employee or representative of employees may file a petition for review to contest the reasonableness of the time stated in the safety order(s) for the abatement of any violation.

Posting - Upon receipt of any safety order(s) you are required to post such safety order(s), or a copy thereof, unedited, at or near each place an alleged violation referred to in the safety order(s) occurred. However, if your operations are such that it is not practicable to post the safety order(s) at or near each place of alleged violation, such safety order(s) shall be posted, unedited, in a prominent place where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. For example, if you are engaged in activities which are physically dispersed, the safety order(s) may be posted at the location from which the employees operate to carry out their activities. You must take steps to ensure that the safety order is not altered, defaced, or covered by other material. Posting shall be until the violation is abated, or for three working days, whichever is longer.

Penalties - Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Abatement does not constitute payment of penalties.

Abatement - The conditions cited in the safety order(s) must be corrected (abated) on or before the date shown for each item on the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty unless:

(1) You file a petition for review concerning the violation, in which case the full abatement period shall commence from the issuance of a final decision by the Board of Safety Review or the courts which requires compliance with the safety order; or

(2) The abatement period is extended by the granting of a petition for modification of abatement date.

PMAs - The petition for modification of abatement date is a manner in which you may seek additional time to correct (abate) a violation without having to file a petition for review concerning the safety order, or after the expiration of the time period to file such a petition for review when it becomes apparent that you need extra time to abate the violation. A petition for modification of abatement date shall be in writing and shall include the following information:

(1) All steps you have taken, and the dates of such actions, in an effort to achieve compliance during the prescribed abatement period.

(2) The specific additional abatement time necessary in order to achieve compliance.

(3) The reasons such additional time is necessary, including the unavailability of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment, or because necessary construction or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the original abatement date.

(4) All available interim steps being taken to safeguard employees against the cited hazard during the abatement period.

(5) A certification that a copy of the petition has been posted, and if appropriate, served on the authorized representative of affected employees, and a certification of the date upon which such posting and service was made.

A petition for modification of abatement date shall be filed with the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA no later than the close of the next working day following the date on which abatement was originally required. A later-filed petition shall be accompanied by the employer's statement of exceptional circumstances explaining the delay. A copy of such petition shall be posted in a conspicuous place where all affected employees will have notice thereof or near such location where the violation occurred. The petition shall remain posted until the time period for the filing of a petition for review of the Commissioner's granting or denying the petition expires. Where affected employees are represented by an authorized representative, said representative shall be served a copy of such petition.

Notification of Corrective Action - Correction of the alleged violations which have an abatement period of thirty (30) days or less should be reported in writing to us promptly upon correction. A "Letter of Abatement" form and an "Abatement Photographs" worksheet are enclosed for your assistance in providing adequate documentation of abatement. Reports of corrections should show specific corrective action on each alleged violation and the date of such action. On alleged violations with abatement periods of more than thirty (30) days, a written progress report should be submitted, detailing what has been done, what remains to be done, and the time needed to fully abate each such violation. When the alleged violation is fully abated, we should be so advised. Timely correction of an alleged violation does not affect the initial proposed penalty.

Followup Inspections - Please be advised that a followup inspection may be made for the purpose of ascertaining that you have posted the safety order(s) and corrected the alleged violations. Failure to correct an alleged violation may result in additional penalties for each day that the violation has not been corrected.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above.

Notice to Employees - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above within fifteen (15) working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) or receipt by the employer of this safety

order and penalty.

If you wish additional information, you may direct such requests to us at the address or telephone number stated above.

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with IOSHA to discuss the Safety Order(s) issued on 04/24/2023.

The Informal Conference will be held:

Date: _____

Time: _____

_____ **Virtually/Telephonically via Microsoft Teams**

Call-in Number: _____

Conference ID: _____

_____ **In-person at the Indiana Department of Labor, located at the following address:**

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Meeting/Conference Room: _____

Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

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Safety Order 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(2)(iii): Employers did not provide handwashing facilities which are readily accessible to employees.

Facility, 200 N Delaware Street - An adequate handwashing facility was not provided for employees that have the potential of occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials when they performed job duties such as, but not limited to, cleaning up blood and body fluids, and handling corpses with various stages of decomposition.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

May 25, 2023
\$4,500.00

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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury or illness.

Safety Order 1 Item 2 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(3)(ii): The employer did not ensure that the employee used appropriate personal protective equipment unless the employer showed that the employee temporarily and briefly declined to use personal protective equipment when, under rare and extraordinary circumstances, it was the employee's professional judgment that in the specific instance its use would have prevented the delivery of health care or public safety services or would have posed an increased hazard to the safety of the worker or co-worker. When the employee made this judgment, the circumstances were not investigated and documented in order to determine whether changes could be instituted to prevent such occurrences in the future:

Facility, 200 N Delaware Street - Employees were observed without utilizing adequate personal protective equipment such as, but not limited to, gloves and gowns which exposed employees to the possibility of contact with biological substances.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Safety Order 1 Item 2 b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(3)(x): Masks, Eye Protection, and Face Shields. Masks in combination with eye protection devices, such as goggles or glasses with solid side shields, or chin-length face shields, were not worn whenever splashes, spray, spatter, or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials may be generated and eye, nose, or mouth contamination can be reasonably anticipated:

Facility, 200 N Delaware Street - Adequate eye and face protection was not provided for employees that have the potential of occupational exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials when they performed normal job duties such as, but not limited to, cleaning up blood, and handling corpses with various stages of decomposition.

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\$0.00

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Safety Order 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(4)(ii): All equipment and environmental and working surfaces were not cleaned and decontaminated after contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials:

Facility, 200 N Delaware Street - Employees were exposed to potential contact with biological substances from contaminated working surfaces such as, but not limited to, tables, waste receptacles, doors, electronics, and other working surfaces that were not effectively sanitized after use.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Safety Order 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(4)(iii)(A)(2): During use, containers for contaminated sharps were not: (i) Easily accessible to personnel and located as close as is feasible to the immediate area where sharps are used or can be reasonably anticipated to be found (e.g., laundries); (ii) Maintained upright throughout use; and (iii) Replaced routinely and not be allowed to overfill:

Facility, 200 N Delaware Street - Contaminated sharps such as, but not limited to, 18-gauge needles and a syringe approximately 3/4 diameter by 4-inches in length used to withdraw body fluids were not adequately contained which created the possibility of contact with biological substances.

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Safety Order 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(4)(iv)(A)(2): Contaminated laundry was not placed and/or transported in bags or containers which were labeled or color-coded in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(1)(i). When a facility utilizes Universal Precautions in the handling of all soiled laundry, alternative labeling or color-coding is sufficient if it permits all employees to recognize the containers as requiring compliance with Universal Precautions:

Facility, 200 N Delaware Street - Employees were exposed to potential contact with biological substances from handling contaminated sheets, blankets, pillowcases, and other unknown textiles that were not bagged or in special containers.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jameson Berry".

Jameson Berry
IOSHA Director



INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1617924

Safety Order 1 Item 1, Serious	\$4,500.00
Safety Order 1 Item 2a, Serious	\$4,500.00
Safety Order 1 Item 2b, Serious	\$0.00
Safety Order 1 Item 3, Serious	\$4,500.00
Safety Order 1 Item 4, Serious	\$4,500.00
Safety Order 1 Item 5, Serious	\$4,500.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: \$22,500.00

Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless requested. Make your check or money order payable to: "Indiana DOL/IOSHA." Please indicate IOSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. You may also make a payment online at <https://payingov.com/dol/>. Your account number is your inspection number.

IOSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Corrective action taken by you for each alleged violation should be submitted to this office on or about the abatement dates indicated on the Safety Order and Notification of Penalty.

A worksheet has been provided to assist in providing the required abatement information. A completed copy of this worksheet should be posted at the worksite with safety orders.


Jameson Berry
IOSHA Director

04/24/2023
Date