

U.S. Department of Labor

Occupational Safety and Health Administration
200 N. High Street
Room 620
Columbus, OH 43215



Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

DolGen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General
and its successors
100 Mission Ridge
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Inspection Number: 1598433**Inspection Date(s):** 05/24/2022 - 05/24/2022**Issuance Date:** 11/18/2022**Inspection Site:**

3636 Lockbourne Rd
Columbus, OH 43207

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The violation(s) described in this Citation 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.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty **you either call to schedule an informal conference (see paragraph below) or** you mail a notice of contest to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer.

Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Area Director during the 15 working day contest period by calling (614) 469-5582. During such an informal conference, you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Right to Contest – You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. **Unless you inform the Area Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.**

Penalty Payment – Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. (See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982.) Make your check or money order payable to “DOL-OSHA”. Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically at www.pay.gov. At the top of the [pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov) homepage, type "OSHA" in the Search field and select Search. From **OSHA Penalty Payment Form** search result, select Continue. The direct link is:

<https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334>

You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$25,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

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

Notification of Corrective Action – For each violation which you do not contest, you must provide *abatement certification* to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. This abatement certification is to be provided by letter within 10 calendar days after each abatement date. Abatement certification includes the date and method of abatement. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A sample abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Citation. In addition, where the citation indicates that *abatement documentation* is necessary, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

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 U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities – The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

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 U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Inspection Activity Data – You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at www.osha.gov. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 11/18/2022. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 200 N. High Street, Room 620, Columbus, OH 43215 on _____ at _____.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

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List the specific method of correction for each item on this citation in this package that does not read "Corrected During Inspection" and return to: **U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 200 N. High Street, Room 620, Columbus, OH 43215.**

Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

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Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

I certify that the information contained in this document is accurate and that the affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

Signature

Date

Typed or Printed Name

Title

NOTE: 29 USC 666(g) whoever knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, plan or other documents filed or required to be maintained pursuant to the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

POSTING: A copy of completed Corrective Action Worksheet should be posted for employee review



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Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Repeat - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1): All places of employment, passageways, storerooms, service rooms, and walking-working surfaces are kept in a clean, orderly, and sanitary condition:

The employer does not ensure that all places of employment, passageways, storerooms, service rooms, and walking-working surfaces are kept in a clean, orderly, and sanitary condition.

a. This most recently occurred on and preceding May 24, 2022, at DolGen Midwest LLC, DBA Dollar General, located at 3636 Lockbourne Road, Columbus, OH 43207. Employees are exposed to slip, trip, fall, and fire hazards in the storeroom from wheeled carts, large boxes, bins and open bags of food spread throughout the walking-working surfaces.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dolgencorp, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store 7196 for a REPEAT violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1535419, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on March 21, 2022, with respect to a workplace located at 5129 Cottage Hill Road, Store 7196, Mobile, AL 36609.

Dollar General Corporation, DBA Dollar General Store 18688, was previously cited for a WILLFUL violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1551005, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on March 21, 2022, with respect to a workplace located at 1288 Beaverdale Rd NE, Dalton, GA 30721.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dolgencorp, LLC, DBA Dollar General #6556 for a WILLFUL violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1550619, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on March 18, 2022, with respect to a workplace located at 2381 Dawes Rd, Mobile, AL 36695.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dolgencorp, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store #13064 for a WILLFUL violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1550484, citation number 1, item number 1a, and was affirmed as a final order on March 18, 2022, with respect to a workplace located at 2912 N Mcvay Dr., Mobile, AL 36606.

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Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dollar General for a WILLFUL violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1498759, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on March 9, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 960 Rt 196, Tobyhanna, PA 18466.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dollar General for a WILLFUL violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1492446, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on March 9, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 655 Interchange Road, Kresgeville, PA 18333.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name DG Retail, LLC, DBA Dollar General for a REPEAT violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1436276 citation number 1, item number 1 and was affirmed as a final order on April 7, 2020, with respect to a workplace located at 905 4th Street West, Milan, IL 61264.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dolgencorp LLC, DBA Dollar General Store #11979 for a REPEAT violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1376785 citation number 2, item number 1a and was affirmed as a final order on August 9, 2019, with respect to a workplace located at 7025 US-231, Panama City, FL 32405.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dolgencorp, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store #6397 for a REPEAT violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1279451 citation number 1, item number 1 and was affirmed as a final order on February 1, 2018, with respect to a workplace located at 1902 7th Avenue, Jasper, AL 35501.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: December 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$91,157.00

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Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Repeat - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.37(b)(2): Each exit must be clearly visible and marked by a sign reading "Exit.":

a. On and about May 24, 2022, DolGen Midwest LLC, DBA Dollar General, located at 3636 Lockbourne Road, Columbus, OH 43207, the employer did not ensure that the emergency exit in the store room was marked "Exit". Therefore delaying egress for employees in the event of an emergency.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dolgencorp, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store #6556 for an OTHER THAN SERIOUS violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.37(b)(2), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1301615, citation number 2, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on August 23, 2018, with respect to a workplace located at 17 East State Street, Quarryville, PA 17566.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

December 08, 2022
\$45,579.00



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Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Repeat - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.157(c)(1): The employer shall provide portable fire extinguishers and shall mount, locate and identify them so that they are readily accessible to employees without subjecting the employees to possible injury:

a. DolGen Midwest LLC, DBA Dollar General, located at 3636 Lockbourne Road, Columbus, OH 43207: On and preceding May 24, 2022, the employer does not ensure employees are protected from potential injuries from fires when the portable fire extinguisher is sitting on the floor outside the restroom not mounted.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name DG Retail, LLC, DBA Dollar General for a REPEAT violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.157(c)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1555839, citation number 2, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on March 30, 2022, with respect to a workplace located at 1748 US Route 1, Sullivan, ME 04664.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dolgencorp, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store #8701 for a REPEAT violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.157(c)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1263006, citation number 1, item number 2, and was affirmed as a final order on March 14, 2018, with respect to a workplace located at 19055 US Highway 31, Vinemont, AL 35179.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: December 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$68,365.00

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Citation 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Repeat - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.176(b): Secure storage. Storage of material shall not create a hazard. Bags, containers, bundles, etc., stored in tiers shall be stacked, blocked, interlocked and limited in height so that they are stable and secure against sliding or collapse:

a. DolGen Midwest LLC, DBA Dollar General, located at 3636 Lockbourne Road, Columbus, OH 43207: On and preceding May 24, 2022, the employer fails to ensure effective protection against struck-by hazards in the receiving/storage room. Throughout the receiving room employees are exposed to struck-by hazards from, plastic totes, boxes and loose materials that are stacked in a way that is unbalanced, unstable, unsecure.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dolgencorp, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store 7196 for a REPEAT violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1535419, citation number 1, item number 2, and was affirmed as a final order on April 5, 2022, with respect to a workplace located at 5129 Cottage Hill Road, Store 7196, Mobile, AL 36609.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name Dolgencorp, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store #13064 for a WILLFUL violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1550484, citation number 1, item number 2, and was affirmed as a final order on March 18, 2022, with respect to a workplace located at 2912 N McVay Dr. Mobile, AL 36606.

Dollar General Corporation, DBA Dollar General Store 18688 was previously cited for a WILLFUL violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1551005, citation number 1, item number 2, and was affirmed as a final order on March 21, 2022, with respect to a workplace located at 1288 Beavertdale Rd Ne, Dalton, GA 30721.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name DG Retail, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store #15726 for a WILLFUL violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1468409, citation number 2, item number 4, and was affirmed as a final order on November 9, 2020, with respect to a workplace located at 450 Nashua Road, Dracut, MA 01826.

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Dollar General Corporation was previously cited under the name DG Retail, LLC, DBA Dollar General for a REPEAT violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard, 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1450479, citation number 1, item number 4, and was affirmed as a final order on April 8, 2020, with respect to a workplace located at 1111 N Cole St, Bushnell, IL 61422.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: December 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$136,741.00

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry M. Johnson".

Larry M. Johnson
Area Director

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INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1598433

Citation 1 Item 1, Repeat - Serious	\$91,157.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Repeat - Serious	\$45,579.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Repeat - Serious	\$68,365.00
Citation 1 Item 4, Repeat - Serious	\$136,741.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: **\$341,842.00**

To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly to this Area Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically at www.pay.gov. At the top of the pay.gov homepage, type "OSHA" in the Search field and select Search. From the **OSHA Penalty Payment Form** search result, select Continue. The direct link is: <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334>. You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$25,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

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If a personal check is issued, it will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). This means that our bank will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will then usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement. You will not receive your original check back. The bank will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to two times.

Pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 20), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to assess interest, delinquent charges, and administrative costs for the collection of delinquent penalty debts for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Interest: Interest charges will be assessed at an annual rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on all penalty debt amounts not paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the date on which the debt amount becomes due and payable (penalty due date). The current interest rate is one percent (1%). Interest will accrue from the date on which the penalty amounts (as proposed or adjusted) become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (that is, 15 working days from your receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty), unless you file a notice of contest. Interest charges will be waived if the full amount owed is paid within 30 calendar days of the final order.

Delinquent Charges: A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be assessed accruing from the date that the debt became delinquent.

Administrative Costs: Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.



Larry M. Johnson
Area Director

11/21/2022

Date