

U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Inspection Number: 1683226
Inspection Date(s): 07/14/2023 - 01/08/2024
Issuance Date: 01/09/2024



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Walker Midwest LLC
Inspection Site: 1345 Norwood Ave., Itasca, IL 60143

Citation 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.212(a)(3)(ii): Point(s) of operation of machinery were not guarded to prevent employee(s) from having any part of their body in the danger zone(s) during operating cycle(s):

On or about July 19, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the point of operations on the #6 Accupress press brake was guarded. The press was foot pedal activated and no guarding was in place to prevent the employee's hands from being between the dies when the press was cycled. The press brake had a laser guard installed on it, but it was muted and not functional.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d)

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

February 07, 2024
\$10,938.00

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Citation 1 Item 6 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.212(a)(3)(ii): Point(s) of operation of machinery were not guarded to prevent employee(s) from having any part of their body in the danger zone(s) during operating cycle(s):

Instance a) On or about August 9, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the Tishken Model 8-MLW Roll Former (Serial 1571-746) on the RF6 line was guarded to protect against crushing and amputation injuries. The ingoing nip points created by the roll forming dies were not adequately guarded to prevent employees from accessing the zone of danger.

Instance b) On or about July 27, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the Tishken Model 10MW2 10-Stand Roll Former (Serial 1601-346) on the RF15 line was guarded to protect against crushing and amputation injuries. The ingoing nip points created by the roll forming dies did not have any guarding to prevent employees from accessing the zone of danger.

Instance c:) On or about July 21, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the Dahlstrom 11-Stand Roll Former on the RF9 line was guarded to protect against crushing and amputation injuries. The ingoing nip points created by the roll forming dies did not have any guarding to prevent employees from accessing the zone of danger.

Instance d) On or about September 1, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the Dahlstrom 9-Stand Roll Former (Serial 862) on the RF10 line was guarded to protect against crushing and amputation injuries. The ingoing nip points created by the roll forming dies did not have any guarding to prevent employees from accessing the zone of danger.

Instance e) On or about August 21, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the Dahlstrom Model 550-7 8-Stand Roll Former (Serial 841) on the RF42 line was guarded to protect against crushing and amputation injuries. The ingoing nip points created by the roll forming dies were not adequately guarded to prevent employees from accessing the zone of danger.

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Citation 1 Item 7 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.217(c)(2)(i)(a): Point of operation guard(s) on mechanical power press(es) did not prevent entry of hands or fingers into the point of operation by reaching through, over, under or around the guard(s):

On or about October 12, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Rousselle manufactured 80-ton mechanical power press on the PC #3 line was adequately guarded. The moveable plastic shields that were used as guarding did not prevent employees from reaching around the guards to reach the point of operation.

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Citation 1 Item 8 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.217(c)(2)(i)(a): Point of operation guard(s) on mechanical power press(es) did not prevent entry of hands or fingers into the point of operation by reaching through, over, under or around the guard(s):

On or about October 12, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Rousselle manufactured mechanical power press, equipped with a cut-off die, on the PC #3 line was adequately guarded. The moveable plastic shields that were used as guarding did not prevent employees from reaching around the guards to reach the point of operation.

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Citation 1 Item 9 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.217(c)(2)(i)(a): Point of operation guard(s) on mechanical power press(es) did not prevent entry of hands or fingers into the point of operation by reaching through, over, under or around the guard(s):

On or about October 12, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Rousselle Model 6B-76 (Serial FBSA8931) 60-ton mechanical power press on the PC #2 line was adequately guarded. The moveable plastic shields that were used as guarding did not prevent employees from reaching around the guards to reach the point of operation.

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Citation 1 Item 10 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.217(c)(2)(i)(a): Point of operation guard(s) on mechanical power press(es) did not prevent entry of hands or fingers into the point of operation by reaching through, over, under or around the guard(s):

On or about October 12, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Stamtec Model G1-6-H 60-ton (Serial 332) mechanical power press on the RF19 line was adequately guarded. The moveable plastic shield that was used as guarding did not prevent employees from reaching around the guard to reach the point of operation.

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Citation 1 Item 11 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.217(c)(2)(i)(a): Point of operation guard(s) on mechanical power press(es) did not prevent entry of hands or fingers into the point of operation by reaching through, over, under or around the guard(s)(a):

Instance a) On or about October 12, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Stamtec Model G1-6-H 60-ton (Serial 328) mechanical power press on the PC2 line was adequately guarded. The fixed barrier guards mounted on the press did not prevent employees from reaching around the guards to reach into the point-of operations.

Instance b) On or about August 22, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Rousselle Model 2 15-ton (Serial 25333) mechanical power press on the Nudo 3 line was adequately guarded. The moveable plastic shield that was used as guarding did not prevent employees from reaching around the guard to reach the point of operation.

Instance c) On or about October 12, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Rousselle Model 10SS80 100-ton (Serial 30500) mechanical power press on the PC1 line was adequately guarded on the sides and rear. The sides of the press were not guarded, and the backside was only guarded with plastic shield that did not prevent employees from reaching the point of operations.

Instance d) On or about August 9, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Hidaka Model FLH35 35-ton (Serial 58002) mechanical power press on the RF6 line was adequately guarded. The moveable plastic shield that was used as guarding did not prevent employees from reaching around the guard into the point of operations.

Instance e) On or about September 15, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Rousselle Model 6 60-ton (Serial 16134) mechanical power press on the RF Nudo #1 line was adequately guarded. The moveable plastic shield that was used as guarding did not prevent employees from reaching around the guard into the point of operation.

Instance f) On or about October 16, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a part revolution clutch Rousselle Model 10K80 100-ton (Serial 23751) mechanical power press on the RF1 line was adequately guarded. The power press was unguarded on the right side and the plastic shields on the rear side did not prevent employees from reaching into the point of operations.

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Citation 1 Item 12 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.219(b)(1): Flywheel(s) with parts seven feet or less above floor(s) or platform(s) were not guarded in accordance with the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.219(b)(1)(i) through (b)(1)(iv)(a):

On or about July 14, 2023, the employer did not ensure that a flywheel mounted at ground level was guarded. The bottom half of the flywheel that powers the cutoff die on the #10 Roll Forming was unguarded, exposing employees to laceration and amputation injuries.

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Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection
\$10,938.00

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Citation 1 Item 13 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.255(b)(4): All press welding machine operations, where there was a possibility of the operator's fingers being under the point of operation, were not effectively guarded by use of a device such as an electronic eye safety circuit, two hand controls:

Instance a) On or about July 14, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the #26 Taylor-Winfield manufactured spot welder (Serial #6847) was guarded to protect employees from point of operation hazards while being operated. Employees were exposed to burn and amputation injuries in the event the equipment was cycled with their fingers between the welding heads.

Instance b) On or about October 12, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the #13 Federal manufactured spot welder (Serial #15260) was guarded to protect employees from point of operation hazards while being operated. Employees were exposed to burn and amputation injuries in the event the equipment was cycled with their fingers between the welding heads.

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Proposed Penalty:

\$10,938.00



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

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(1): The employer did not establish a program consisting of an energy control procedure, employee training and periodic inspections to ensure that before any employee performed any servicing or maintenance on a machine or equipment where the unexpected energizing, startup or release of stored energy could occur and cause injury, the machine or equipment shall be isolated from the energy source and rendered inoperative:

Instance a) On or about July 25, 2023, the employer failed to protect the employee from unexpected release of hazardous energy during set-up on the Cut-off Rousselle press on PC#1(6b-48 60-Ton Double Gap Frame Press S/N:22918). The employees were exposed to machine hazards associated with moving parts and pinch points from the unexpected start-up and energization of PC#1 while performing maintenance such as (but not limited to) replacement of the screw on the spring located beneath the bottom die.

Instance b) On or about October 3, 2023, employees were exposed to machine hazards associated with moving parts and pinch points from the unexpected release of energy during die set-up on press brake #1(Model 08/2010 Serial no. 16648).

Instance c) On or about July 19, 2023, employees were exposed to machine hazards associated with moving parts and pinch points from the unexpected release of energy during die set-up on Amada press brake #3(RG-80 80-Tonx994,4 'Bed CNC Hydraulic Press Brake, S/N 805987).

Instance d) On or about July 19, 2023, employees were exposed to machine hazards associated with moving parts and pinch points from the unexpected release of energy during die set-up on Accurpress press brake #6 (Model:71008 100-Ton x8'Bed CNC Hydraulic Press Brake S/N:4918).

Instance e) On or about October 12, 2023, employees were exposed to machine hazards associated with moving parts and pinch points from the unexpected energization of PC #3 line during the coil set-up process.

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\$156,259.00

Jacob Scott
Area Director

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1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 210
Naperville, IL 60563



INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Citation 1 Item 12, Serious	\$10,938.00
Citation 1 Item 13, Serious	\$10,938.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Willful - Serious	\$156,259.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: \$298,453.00

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](http://www.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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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.

Jacob Scott
Area Director

Date