

U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
701 Lee Street
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Phone: 847-803-4800 Fax: 847-390-8220



Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., dba The Home Depot
and its successors
3500 N Kimball
Chicago, IL 60618

Inspection Number: 956370
Inspection Date(s): 01/27/2014 - 01/29/2014
Issuance Date: 07/21/2014

Inspection Site:
3500 N Kimball
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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. 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 on www.pay.gov. On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type “OSHA” and click Go. From the results, click on **OSHA Penalty Payment Form**. 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 \$50,000 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.

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 07/21/2014. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 701 Lee Street, Suite 950, Des Plaines, IL 60016 on _____ at _____.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 956370

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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, 701 Lee Street, Suite 950, Des Plaines, IL 60016**

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

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

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

29 CFR 1910.133(a)(1): Protective eye and face equipment was not required where there was a reasonable probability of injury that could be prevented by such equipment:

a) Receiving Department- The employer failed to require the use of protective eye and face protection, such as goggles and a face shield, for employees that were exposed to corrosive chemicals (sulfuric acid) while performing tasks such as adding water to batteries on powered industrial vehicles.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

08/11/2014

Proposed Penalty:

\$4,400.00

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

29 CFR 1910.138(a): The employer did not select and require employees to use appropriate hand protection when employees hands were exposed to hazardous condition(s):

a) Receiving Department- The employer failed to require the use of appropriate personal protective equipment, such as chemical resistant gloves, when employees were exposed to burn hazards when exposed to corrosive chemicals such as battery acid as a part of their job tasks.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

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

29 CFR 1910.151(c): Where employees may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body were not provided within the work area for immediate emergency use:

- a) Receiving Department- The employer did not provide suitable facilities for the quick drenching or flushing of the eyes for immediate emergency use where employees may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials while checking levels in and adding water to batteries on powered industrial vehicles. The eye washing station that was provided was mounted in such a way that made it not accessible.
- b) Receiving Department- The employer did not provide suitable facilities for the quick drenching or flushing of the eyes for immediate emergency use where employees may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials while checking levels in and adding water to batteries on powered industrial vehicles. The eye washing station that was blocked by equipment and charging powered industrial vehicle batteries.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

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

29 CFR 1910.305(a)(2)(x): Flexible cords and cables were not protected from accidental damage:

a) Store Wide- The employer failed to ensure that flexible cords, such as the recharger plugs for the JLG Electric Ladder, Serial #C900021471, and the JLG Electric Ladder, Serial #C900021470, were protected from accidental damage such as that caused by the pulling around the corner of the equipment and/or being pinched between equipment and fixed structures.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

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

29 CFR 1910.178(p)(1): Powered industrial truck(s) found to be in need of repair, defective, or in any way unsafe had not been taken out of service until restored to safe operating condition(s):

a) Store Wide- The employer failed to ensure all powered industrial vehicles were removed from service when found to be in need of repair, defective or in any way unsafe. A forklift, Pacer Truck, Serial #4201019032, Unit H8004, was found to have defects such as a cracked, chunked, and worn steer tire and non-operational headlights.

No abatement certification or documentation is required for this item.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection
\$70,000.00

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

29 CFR 1910.178(l)(4)(iii): An evaluation of each powered industrial truck operator's performance was not being conducted at least once every three years:

a) Store Wide- The employer failed to ensure that employee(s) who operated the powered industrial trucks, such as the Pacer, the Reach Truck, the motorized pallet jacks, Sit-down Forklifts, JLG Electric Ladders, and the Order Picker, were evaluated at least once every three years.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

The Home Depot was previously cited for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard, 29 CFR 1910.178(l)(4)(iii), which was contained in OSHA Inspection Number 518918, Citation 1, Item 1, and was affirmed as a final order on August 16, 2012, with respect to the workplace at 7399 Douglas Boulevard, in Douglasville, Georgia.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 08/11/2014
Proposed Penalty: \$22,000.00

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Citation 3 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.178(q)(7): Powered industrial truck(s) were not examined at least daily before being placed in service and trucks that which were used on a round-the-clock basis were not examined for defects after each shift:

a) Store Wide- The employer failed to ensure all powered industrial vehicles, such as the Pacer Truck, Reach Truck, Motorized Pallet Jacks, Sit-down Forklifts, Order Picker, and JLG Electric Ladders, which were used round-the-clock basis were examined on a shift by shift basis. The employer failed to examine the powered industrial vehicles that were used on multiple shifts and the only inspections that were found to be performed were at the start of the first shift on weekdays.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1903.19(d), abatement certification is required for this violation (using the CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET), and in addition, documentation demonstrating that abatement is complete must be included with your certification. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of the purchase or repair of the equipment, photographic or video evidence of abatement, or other written records.

Home Depot USA Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard, 29 CFR 1910.178(q)(7), which was contained in OSHA Inspection Number 314019084, Citation 1, Item 2, and was affirmed as a final order on March 26, 2010, with respect to the workplace at 6730 Memorial Hwy, in Tampa, Florida.

Home Depot, Inc.; Store 1974 was previously cited for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard, 29 CFR 1910.178(q)(7), which was contained in OSHA Inspection Number 314814666, Citation 1, Item 1, and was affirmed as a final order on October 20, 2010, with respect to the workplace at 1919 N. Cicero, in Chicago, Illinois.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 08/11/2014
Proposed Penalty: \$5,500.00

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Angeline Loftus". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Angeline Loftus
Area Director

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INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number	956370
Citation 1, Serious	\$13,200.00
Citation 2, Willful	\$70,000.00
Citation 3, Repeat	\$27,500.00
TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES	\$110,700.00

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 on www.pay.gov. On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type "OSHA" and click Go. From the results, click on **OSHA Penalty Payment Form**. 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 \$50,000 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

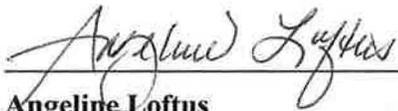
original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to 2 times.

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.

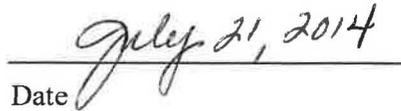
Delinquent Charges: A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per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



Angeline Loftus

Area Director



Date