

Iowa OSHA

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Prinsco, Inc.
and its successors
850 Hawkeye Road
Jesup, IA 50648

Inspection Number: 1344339
Case File Number: 19177
CSHO: P9740
Inspection Date(s): 09/05/2018-09/05/2018
Issuance Date: 10/10/2018

Inspection Site:

850 Hawkeye Road
Jesup, IA 50648

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (Citation) alleges violations of the Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Act and proposes penalties. Fifteen working days after you receive this Citation, the allegations and proposed penalties will become final unless you reach a settlement agreement with Iowa OSHA or contest the Citation. After 15 working days have passed, there will be no further chance to challenge these allegations and penalties.

Each violation described in this Citation is alleged to have occurred on or about the days the inspection was made unless another date is noted.

Contest. You may contest in writing all or part of the Citation. You may file a notice of contest yourself or hire an attorney to help you at your own expense.

Notice to employees. A copy of the Citation must be posted immediately in a prominent place near the location where each violation occurred. If posting near the site of each violation is not feasible, the Citation must be posted where it will be easily seen by all affected employees. The Citation must remain posted until the violation is corrected or for 3 working days, whichever is longer.

Payment. In the absence of a contest or settlement agreement, the penalties must be paid within 15 working days. Make your check or money order payable to "Iowa OSHA" and note the inspection number on it. Iowa OSHA does not agree to any restriction, condition, or endorsement put on any check or money order, and will cash the check or money order as if the restriction, condition or endorsement does not exist.

Working days. Working days are Monday through Friday excluding State and Federal holidays.

Hazard correction. In the absence of a contest or settlement agreement, each violation must be corrected by the date set in the Citation. You are required to provide documentation of abatement to your employees and to Iowa OSHA. The enclosed form and booklet will help you with this process.

Employee right to contest. An employee or employee representative may contest an abatement date set in the Citation. The contest must be mailed to Iowa OSHA within 15 working days of the employer's receipt of this Citation.

Whistleblower protection. An employer may not retaliate against an employee for cooperating with an OSHA inspector, filing an OSHA complaint, or exercising other rights under the OSHA law. An employee may file a complaint within 30 days after retaliation occurred.

Guide to Iowa OSHA Citations. *The Guide to Iowa OSHA Citations* covers topics related to this Citation in more detail. Please review it carefully.

Informal conference. You may request an informal conference or meeting to discuss any part of this Citation. Frequently, citations are settled at informal conferences. Call the number above right away if you wish to schedule an informal conference because after 15 working days an informal settlement agreement is not possible. If you schedule an informal conference you must complete the form on page 3 and post it where affected employees can see it.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with Iowa OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 10/10/2018. Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

Employer: Check and complete one of the following*

The informal conference will be held at Iowa OSHA,

The informal conference will be held at Iowa OSHA:

150 Des Moines Street

Des Moines, IA 50309 on _____ at _____.

The informal conference will be held by phone. To participate call:

*This must be completed and posted by the employer *only* if an informal conference is scheduled.

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

IAC 875 - Chapter 10

1910.212(a)(3)(iii): Special hand tools for placing and removing material were not provided to permit easy handling of material without the operator placing a hand in the danger zone:

(a) Blow Mold Area - Employees were regularly exposed to running band saw blades when pushing scrap plastic onto a conveyor belt located behind the band saw. On 06/23/2018 a worker was hospitalized after sustaining a laceration to the hand after he came into contact with a band saw blade while removing scrap material from the danger zone. Special tools were not provided which would have protected workers from mechanical hazards. This condition was noted and/or observed on 09/05/18.

<u>Date by Which Violation Must Be Abated:</u>	<u>November 05, 2018</u>
<u>Proposed Penalty:</u>	<u>\$9239.00</u>

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

IAC 875 - Chapter 10

1910.212(a)(1): One or more methods of machine guarding was not provided to protect the operator and other employees in the machine area from hazards such as those created by point of operation, ingoing nip points, rotating parts, flying chips and sparks:

(a) Blow Mold Production Area - A Centauro vertical band saw, company #Bandsaw-007, did not have the blade guard adjusted to guard the unused portion of the saw blade. The saw was observed to run continuously with the saw blade guide set approximately 8 inches from the working table while cutting 5 inch diameter parts. This condition was observed and/or noted on or about 09/05/18.

PRINSCO, INC. WAS PREVIOUSLY CITED FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS STANDARD WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN IOSH INSPECTION NUMBER 1294024, CITATION NUMBER 1, ITEM NUMBER 1, ISSUED ON 02/16/2018.

<u>Date by Which Violation Must Be Abated:</u>	<u>November 05, 2018</u>
<u>Proposed Penalty:</u>	<u>\$46195.00</u>

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PENALTY SUMMARY

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Penalty Summary of Inspection Number: 1344339

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$9239.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Repeat-Serious	\$46195.00
TOTAL PENALTIES:	\$55434.00

Make check or money order payable to "**IOWA OSHA.**" Please indicate the inspection number and DBA, if company name is different, on the remittance.