



# TWU 555 Safety & Health Committee

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Subject: LAX Safety Visit

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As you requested, I visited LAX for a routine station visit. Local TWU Station Rep K.B Bryant and TWU Safety Rep Gene Hopkins accompanied me. Here are my findings.

## **BREAKROOMS**

### *OPERATIONS*

An electrical outlet in the break room is missing a face plate. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.305**

### *RAMP*

First aid kits were empty of supplies. These need to be kept stocked at all times. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.151**

Tables in break room have attached seats; some of these seats are missing leaving steel poles exposed. Seats need to be replaced to remove these hazards.

## **LOCKER ROOMS**

### *MENS*

Exit sign is missing from egress door, these needs to be replaced. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.37**

Missing light panel needs to be replaced.

Air vents need to be cleaned. These should be cleaned monthly to avoid build up. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.141**

### *LADIES*

Over head lights are not working. Bulbs need to be replaced, and checked monthly.

A television set in the Ladies locker room is powered by an extension cord plugged into an outlet in another room. When the locker room door is closed, the door pinches the cord. This may cause the cord to get damaged causing injury to employees. Electrical outlet needs to be installed in the ladies locker room. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.305**

## **POWER CORDS**

The ground power cords are a big problem here. I had to tag out 5 of them for exposed metal on the head of the power cords. There is no way to hang or coil the cords up. Power cords are laying on the ground, being dragged, and driven over. This will cause the life of this cord to greatly decrease, which in turn will be very costly to our company.

## **TPOINT**

The carousel being used is under OSHA standards, carousel is 17 inches high. This may enhance the probability of back injury to our valued employees working at t point

Fire extinguisher mounted on far wall is not marked with the proper signage. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.155**



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### CARGO OFFICE

Anti-fatigue mats need to be replaced behind the service counter. New mats are on the shelf in the warehouse.

### CARGO WAREHOUSE

Seafood cooler doors need to be fixed or replaced. Tie downs are being used on the door hinges.

Gates on the back fence are falling down, these should be replaced.

Fire extinguisher (next to flower cooler) is blocked. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.155**

Fire extinguisher on pillar #7 needs to be mounted.

The asphalt needs to be resurfaced; potholes and uneven floor cause a hazard while pushing or pulling carts, causing tongues of carts to lunge suddenly. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.21**

I found a dead bird on top of some freight in the warehouse.

This warehouse is very dirty which causes a breathing hazard for those who work in this area. Time needs to be aside monthly or even weekly to keep this area clean. **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.141**

Pallets are not properly shrink-wrapped on top shelves.

After the completion of my walk around I met with MRO Va'a Mapu to go over my findings. I expressed my concerns about the carousel at point. Va'a told me that he is aware of the problem. He agrees that the carousel is too low and needs to be raised. I also requested that TWU Safety Rep Gene Hopkins be allowed the time to do monthly safety audits as is required by our current contract in article 17. The MRO told me that he would need a release from the union to release him for the day to do these very important things. I asked that I would like to see the company release Gene the days needed to perform his duties to enhance safety and safety awareness.

I also talked with Cargo Manager Brad Rush about my concerns in the warehouse. I walked with Brad to show him all the hazards. I showed him the dead bird; he stated that there was a cat problem as well. This has been going on awhile and yet nothing has been done. We also talked about the potholes and uneven ground in warehouse; I was told by Brad that he had a guy that might fix these hazards. I'm hoping that all of these hazards will be addressed in a timely manner.

I thank the leadership team for listening to my findings and I look forward to their support. I also thank Local Station Rep K.B Bryant for taking the time to escort me around. Special thanks to TWU Safety Rep Gene Hopkins for stepping up to speak up and commit to helping LAX management to resolve safety hazards and promote a much safer and healthful work environment. I feel Gene will do a great job. If you should have any question, please feel free to contact me at 214-927-6465 or email me at [d.defillippi@twu555.org](mailto:d.defillippi@twu555.org).

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