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AFSAS OSHA EVENT # 5387 / OSHA Inspection # 1385683

Travis AFB (AMC) | OSHA Region: 9

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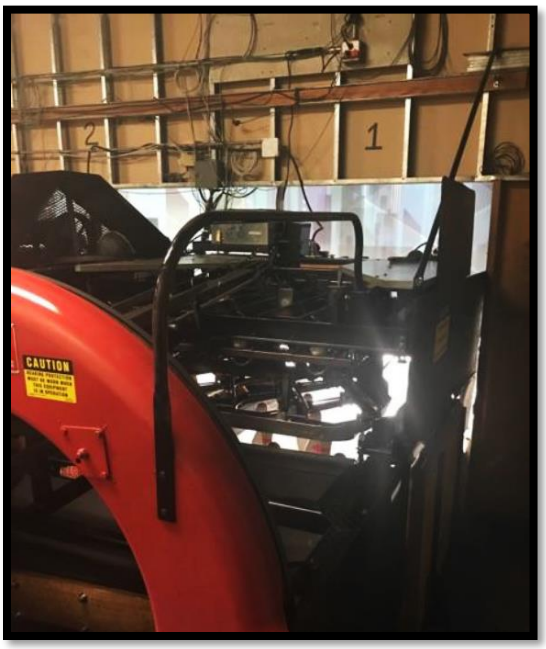
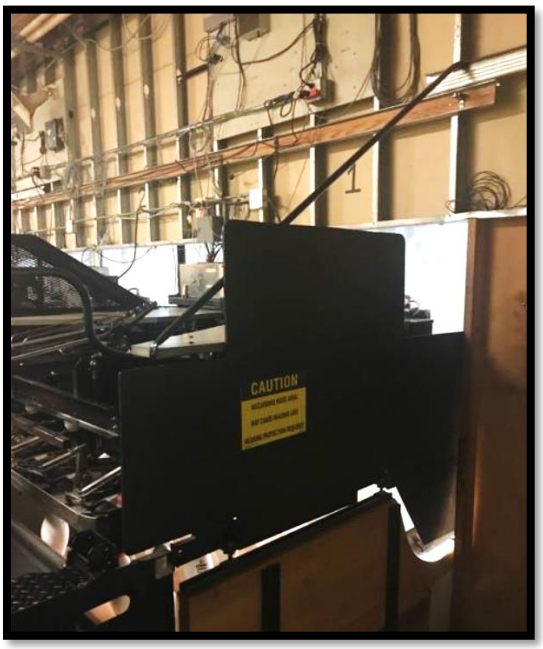
BLUF: Employees at a bowling alley were exposed to five foot fall hazards while working on pinsetters.

REPEAT (Fall Protection)

29 CFR 1910.28(b)(1)(i): The employer did not ensure each employee on a Walking/Working Surface with an unprotected side or edge that is 4 feet (1.2m) or more above a lower level was protected from falling: Force Support Squadron, Travis Bowling Center: Fall protection was not available when employees were working on top of the bowling machines. Employees were exposed to five foot fall hazards.





Lessons Learned: Although the REPEAT violation derives from a prior OSHA inspection where the fall would be less than 4 feet into unguarded belt and pulley drives, this OSHA inspection has revealed a fall hazard in the same area; hence, this inspection is accepted as a REPEAT due to the fall hazard being more than 4 feet from an elevated platform at the outer edges of the pinsetters. Until contract negotiations are complete, lanes 1, 2, 31 and 32 (first pair and last pair supporting those lanes) were disabled within the system to prevent employees from allowing customers to bowl on the affected lanes; thus, ensuring no risk to employees. An additional measure to prevent use of the lanes consisted of applying administrative/out of service locks to prevent power from being supplied to the effected lanes. Passive fall protection will be installed on the edges of the pinsetters.

Preventing Reoccurrences: Walking/Working Surfaces above four feet (non-construction) require fall protection to protect employees from fall hazards. Please consider sharing this information with applicable unit CCs, shop supervisors, USRs and workers for awareness. USRs, Supervisors and Safety personnel should accomplish inspections to ensure these hazards are not present at your respective installations.