

FOUNDATION FOR WORKER SAFETY

Dollar General is all over the news with their growing list of OSHA citations and fines. Take lessons from their situation and present some real world information at your next toolbox talk, supervisor meeting, safety committee, or other leader communication.

Most of Dollar General's [over \\$15M in OSHA fines](#) are related to blocked exit routes, poorly stockpiled merchandise, and struck-by hazards.

These exposures are nothing new to retail and other industries. In fact, the first safety initiatives date back to 1911, prompted when 146 workers died trying to reach blocked and locked exits as the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire burned.

As you speak with your safety and management leaders, share these action items:

- Make sure emergency exits and walking/working areas are clear
- Check that emergency lighting is working.
- Audit your emergency pathways and exit areas and share findings and photos with your crews.