

**OSHA**

Find it in OSHA



**For Workers** ▾ **For Employers** ▾ **Law & Regulations** ▾ **Data & Statistics** ▾ **Enforcement** ▾ **Training & Education** ▾

**News & Publications** ▾ **English** **About OSHA** **A to Z Index** **Contact Us** **FAQs** **What's New**

|  
**Spanish**

[OSHA News Release - Table of Contents](#)

**OSHA Regional News Brief – Region 7**

U.S. Department of Labor

October 6, 2016

**Iowa postal facility exposes workers to mold, electrical hazards  
from unrepaired water leak**

**Employer name:** U.S. Postal Service, 116 Oak St., Moorhead, Iowa

**Citations issued:** March 24, 2016

**Investigation findings:** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Des Moines Area Office cited the postal facility for one repeated and four serious safety violations.

The citations follow an October 2015 OSHA investigation of a complaint alleging visible mold in the vestibule area of the postal facility. An investigation found workers exposed to slips, electrical hazards and respiratory illness because water was leaking into the facility causing the mold to form and also dripping onto the electrical panel.

**Quote:** "Employers must make visual assessment of their facilities on a routine basis and promptly repair maintenance issues that can cause an illness, slips, falls and other injuries," said Larry Davidson, OSHA's area director in Des Moines.

**Proposed Penalties:** \$63,500

**View Citations here.**

To ask questions, obtain compliance assistance, file a complaint, or report amputations, eye loss, workplace hospitalizations, fatalities or situations posing imminent danger to workers, the public should call OSHA's toll-free hotline at 800-321-OSHA (6742) or the agency's Des Moines Area Office at 515-284-4701.

###

**Media Contacts:**

Scott Allen, 312-353-6976, allen.scott@dol.gov

Rhonda Burke, 312-353-6976, burke.rhonda@dol.gov

Release Number: 16-610-KAN

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at <http://www.dol.gov>. The department's Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center converts departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

[OSHA News Release - Table of Contents](#)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
200 Constitution Ave., NW,  
Washington, DC 20210  
☎ 800-321-6742 (OSHA)  
TTY  
[www.OSHA.gov](http://www.OSHA.gov)

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

[White House](#)  
[Affordable Care Act](#)  
[Disaster Recovery Assistance](#)  
[USA.gov](#)  
[Disability.gov](#)  
[Plain Writing Act](#)  
[Recovery Act](#)  
[No Fear Act](#)  
[U.S. Office of Special Counsel](#)

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)  
[A - Z Index](#)  
[Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\)](#)  
[Read the OSHA Newsletter](#)  
[Subscribe to the OSHA Newsletter](#)  
[OSHA Publications](#)  
[Office of Inspector General](#)

**ABOUT THE SITE**

[Freedom of Information Act \(FIOA\)](#)  
[Privacy & Security Statement](#)  
[Disclaimers](#)  
[Important Web Site Notices](#)  
[Plug-ins Used by DOL](#)  
[RSS Feeds from DOL](#)  
[Accessibility Statement](#)