



Fair Trade Factories 101

Use these facts to educate yourself and others about the need for Fair Trade Apparel and Home Good Factories

The Need for Fair Trade Factories

- In 2013, the Rana Plaza building in Bangladesh collapsed. **1,138 people** died and another **2,500 were injured**
- Garment workers often receive **less than 4 percent** of the final retail cost of a garment

Conventional Factories

- Chemicals are often dumped into the natural environment and can **harm open water streams**
- Factories can be structurally unsafe, expose workers to hazardous chemicals, and have risky machinery with no safety precautions in place

Fair Trade Factories

- Fair Trade factories are **audited** to ensure The Fair Trade Factory Standard is being implemented
- Fair Trade Factories have working hour limits, workers are given breaks, and are not penalized for missing quotas.
- Factories follow building requirements such as fire extinguisher regulations, structural and electrical safety, emergency exit routes and lights, and have **safety regulations** in place for risky machinery.

