

Amazon Valentine's card to highlight 'brutal' working conditions



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GMB, the union for Amazon workers, will deliver a giant Valentine's card to the company's Rugeley warehouse to highlight the 'brutal' working conditions of workers.

Recent investigations by GMB revealed ambulances were called 115 times, including three for women due to pregnancy/maternity and three for major trauma.

In addition, 88 serious incidents have been reported to the health and safety executive since 2015.

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Amanda Gearing, GMB Senior Organiser:

Despite this, Amazon turned down a joint plea from GMB Jack Dromey, MP for Birmingham Erdington and Shadow Minister for Work and Pensions for an independent health and safety review to improve conditions.

GMB will deliver the card at the following times and locations.

From 4pm to 6.30pm Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Amazon Rugeley

Tower Business Park

Power Station Rd

Rugeley

WS15 1LX

Amanda Gearing, GMB Senior Organiser, said:

“It may be Valentine's Day but our members don't get much love from Amazon.



"The conditions are brutal; workers suffer convulsions, electric shocks, major traumas, get knocked unconscious and are taken away in ambulances.

"This can't go on – but Amazon refuses to meet with us so we can improve conditions for workers.

"Our Amazon members deserve better – and we won't stop campaigning until they get it."

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Lee Barron, TUC Midlands Regional Secretary, said:

"The TUC will be proud to join GMB members and organisers at Amazon this week to show our support for the brave campaign of Amazon workers to secure the right to trade union recognition and the safety and dignity this affords.

"The campaign at Amazon really is the front-line in the battle to secure basic rights and fairness in the ever changing world of work.

"GMB is right; Amazon workers are not robots and deserve our respect and support."

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