

# Amazon Black Friday protests staged across UK



## 100s join demonstrations outside fulfillment centres in anger at 'appalling' conditions

GMB is staging Black Friday and Cyber Monday protests across the UK in anger at the 'appalling' treatment of workers.

The demos will take place outside Amazon warehouse in Bolton, Manchester, Warrington, Rugeley, Coalville Peterborough, Newport and Sheffield and London on November 29 and December 2.

Amazon workers in fulfilment centres are breaking bones, being knocked unconscious and taken away in ambulances, while pregnant women workers report being treated appallingly.



“ All this week, [#TeamGMB](#) will be visiting [#Amazon](#) Fulfilment Centres to talk to workers about their working conditions

We want them to know that [@GMB\\_union](#) is there for them

Here's [@KateGortonGMB](#) to explain why [#AmazonWeAreNotRobots](#)  
[pic.twitter.com/PsxlllyqNYf](https://pic.twitter.com/PsxlllyqNYf)

— GMB West Midlands ([@GMBWestMidlands](#)) [November 28, 2019](#)

GMB investigations into Amazon working practices have revealed

- More than 600 ambulance call outs to Amazon warehouses over a three year period.
- More than 600 serious incidents reported to the Health and Safety Executive for injuries including fractures, head injuries, contusions and collisions with heavy equipment
- GMB members report targets being so horrific they have to use plastic bottles to urinate in instead of going to the toilet, and pregnant women have been forced to stand for hours on end
- At least one pregnant woman reporting losing a pregnancy at work, saying an ambulance was not called, and she went home on the bus, with her co-workers in blood stained clothes
- 87% of Amazon workers responding to that survey said that were in some form of constant pain in their body joints.

“ Today is [#BlackFriday2019](#) and [#TeamGMB](#) have been joined by the brilliant [@JackDromeyMP](#) at [#Amazon](#) Rugeley

We're hearing lots of workers' concerns about how they're being treated

This is the reason [@GMB\\_union](#) will keep fighting for union recognition![#AnazonWeAreNotRobots](#) [pic.twitter.com/NQcSZYInXO](https://pic.twitter.com/NQcSZYInXO)



**Mick Rix, GMB National Officer, said:**

“GMB is staging protests at various Amazon sites up and down the country on Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

“The conditions our members work under at various Amazon sites across the UK are appalling.

“Workers are breaking bones, being knocked unconscious and being taken away in ambulances.

“ Lots of people want to know what the real working conditions are like at [#Amazon](#) warehouses

Here’s [@GearingAmanda](#) talking to the press about this and why [#TeamGMB](#) are supporting [#Amazon](#) workers at Rugeley this [#BlackFriday2019#AmazonWeAreNotRobots](#) [pic.twitter.com/MKpz8rbVaC](https://pic.twitter.com/MKpz8rbVaC)

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“Amazon has spent a fortune on fluffy adverts saying what a great place it is to work. Why not spend the money making their warehouses less dangerous places to work?

“Amazon workers want Jeff Bezos to know they are people – not robots.

“It’s about time Mr Bezos showed empathy with the very people that have helped build his vast empire and make sure it is not a Black Friday for Amazon workers.”

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