

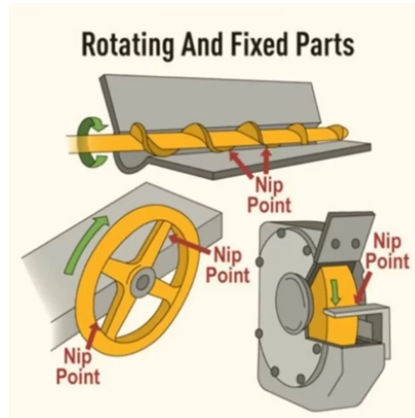
Machine Guard Safety Toolbox Talk

Why is Machine Guarding Important?

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Protects the operator and others in the machine area from hazards that are created by:

- Point of operation
- In-running nip points
- Rotating parts
- Flying chips and sparks.



Examples of Machines Requiring Point of Operation Guarding

- Shears
- Power Saws
- Jointers
- Power Presses
- Milling Machines
- Alligator Shears
- Forming Rolls and Calendars



Machine Guard Requirements

- Prevents contact with employees
- Secured to the machine
- Creates no new hazards
- Creates no other interference
- Protects from falling/flying objects

Ways to Maximize Worker Safety

- Always be sure that moving mechanisms are clear of people and objects
- Be sure that workers are not wearing any jewelry or loose clothing or hair that could get snagged in the machine
- Keep an eye on overheard moving parts, like pulleys, for potential hazards
- Check that guards are in place at all points where you could contact moving parts before turning the machine on
- Be aware of how to turn power on and off if you should have to do so quickly
- Read the manufacturer's instructions on how to operate the machine safely and correctly
- Feed material into the machine with push sticks, not your hands
- Take it easy. Rushing through a job is one of the major causes of accidents
- Make sure maintenance is performed when required. If you think your equipment might have missed its scheduled maintenance let your supervisor know.
- Use lockout/tagout procedures when a machine needs repair or maintenance. Turn the machine and the power to the machine off and tag it so that no one tries to use it.



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Discussion Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Attendees: _____

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