

# MACHINE SAFEGUARDING

## SAFETY TALK

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Machines and equipment are necessary parts of your operation. So are machine safeguards. Even with the innovations in machine safeguarding, employees are still injured due to improper or incomplete machine safeguarding. Operating machines safely requires appropriate safeguards, good judgment, and vigilance.

## HAZARDS

### OPERATOR HAZARDS

1. Inattention or distraction
2. Curiosity or risk taking
3. Horseplay
4. Fatigue or illness
5. Worry
6. Anger

### MACHINE HAZARDS

1. Flying chips from material being processed
2. Splashes from material being processed
3. Getting caught in the machine
4. Machine failure
5. Rotating, reciprocating, or transversing parts
6. In-running nip points

## CHECKLIST

- Is operator contact with dangerous moving parts prevented?
- Are safeguards durable and easily secured to the machine?
- Do safeguards create new hazards?
- Do safeguards slow the operator's normal activities?
- Are operators properly trained on machines and their safeguards?
- Do operators wear appropriate clothes for the job?
- Do operators follow safety procedures?
- Is enough time taken to do the job right?

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What hazards are involved in operating our machines?
2. What safeguards are used on our machines? Are these safeguards respected?
3. Are there any specific points or problems you wish to discuss?

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