

MACHINE GUARDING

Suggested Guidelines

- * Guards are put on machines for one purpose...to protect!
- * Machines without guards or suitable safety devices in place must not be operated.
- * Only authorized personnel should remove or adjust guards or safety devices.
- * Be sure the main power switch for the machine is locked and tagged before removing the guard or safety devices.
- * Guards isolate hazards from workers. Safety devices also save fingers, limbs, and lives. They protect from distractions, impatience and accidents caused by inattention.
- * A guard or safety device not secured or functioning improperly can create an additional hazard. Inspect guards or safety devices regularly and keep them in good repair.
- * Manufacturer installed guards and safety devices may not be enough. Review the working purpose of your machine. If need be, install additional guards or safety devices at point-of-operations at other hazardous areas.

Do not bypass guards or safety devices. Trying to speed up production and save time only increases the chance for injury. Guards or safety devices are a vital part of any safe environment.

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