

WORKER SAFETY

Machine Guarding

Guards prevent amputations, burns, and blindness. Never remove them.

A guard removed for just one task has already caused amputations here.

If it can cause injury, it must be guarded. That is the law and our policy.

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The A.U.T.O. Principle

Guards must prevent contact Around, Under, Through, and Over the machine.

If you can reach a moving part by any route, the guard is not sufficient.

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Never Remove or Bypass

Removing a machine guard without proper authorization is a serious violation.

Reaching around a guard without lockout can result in immediate termination.

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Report Missing Guards

If a guard is missing or damaged, do not operate the machine. Report it.

Tag the machine out of service and notify your supervisor immediately.

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Real Incident

An employee removed a guard to check an infeed screw.

A glove was caught in the belt. Result: amputation of the left fingertip.

MACHINE GUARD INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Check before operating any machine.

- ☐ All machine guards are in place and undamaged
- ☐ No way to reach moving parts around, under, through, or over guards
- ☐ No guard has been removed, bent, or modified
- ☐ Emergency stop is accessible and functional
- ☐ Lockout procedure is followed before any servicing
- ☐ PPE required for this machine is being worn
- ☐ Loose clothing, gloves, and jewelry appropriate for this machine
- ☐ Any missing or damaged guard reported to supervisor before operating