

MACHINE SAFEGUARDING CHECKLIST

Eliminate hazards to protect your team and get the job done

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. Not only is it important to have properly designed and installed machine safeguarding, but it must be in place on the machine to be effective.

Preventing exposure can be easy

Preventing machine accidents can be simple. It starts with knowing the operator and machine caused hazards.

Operator hazards

- Inattention or distraction
- Curiosity or risk taking
- Horseplay
- Fatigue or illness
- Worry
- Anger

Machine hazards

- Flying chips from material being processed
- Splashes from material being processed
- Getting caught in the machine
- Machine failure
- Rotating, reciprocating, or transversing parts
- In-running nip points

Operating machines safely requires appropriate machine safeguarding, good judgement, and vigilance to avoid hazards.

Checklist

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

Thought Provokers

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?