



# SAFETY TALK

## Machine guarding

Machine guards are an integral part of safety when working, from power tools to large equipment.

### What's the danger?

Guards are in place for a reason; missing or damaged guards can cause:

- Projectiles or debris to break and fly from machines
- Access to pinch points of moving parts or snag points of rotational parts
- Access to energized areas
- Sparks or electrical arcs from moving beyond a controlled area
- Whipping from belts or chains under high stress or tension
- Burns from high-temperature machine areas
- Unexpected shifting or movement of parts

### Protect yourself

- Be sure to read owner manuals to know what guards are to be in place and where
- Wear appropriate PPE for the task, to protect you in the event a guard fails
- Ensure all guards are attached, fastened and not loose
- If there are decals or signs, they should be clear and legible
- Inspect the machine or tool before use to ensure the appropriate guards are in place
- Should a guard need to be removed for any reason (such as repair) the tool or machine should be locked and tagged out appropriately
- Ensure all guards meet manufacturer and safety specifics (i.e. do not use a home-made guard)

Print and review this talk with your staff, sign off and file for COR™ / SECOR audit purposes.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Concerns:

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Employee Name:

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Corrective Actions:

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Employee Signature:

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