

STAY GUARDED

AGAINST MACHINE HAZARDS

Workers who operate and maintain machinery suffer approximately 18,000 amputations, lacerations, crushing injuries, abrasions and over 800 deaths per year.¹

Follow these 8 tips to properly use machine guards and prevent serious injuries.



1 Ensure guards are in place at all required points before turning on a machine

2 Don't remove, bypass or tamper with machine guards

3 Report any problems with the operation of machine guards immediately

4 Avoid using a machine without required safeguarding or when guards are not operating properly

5 Use hand tools to appropriately feed and operate machines

6 Clear jams and make running adjustments safely

7 Clean and maintain machinery and guards properly

8 Follow lockout/tagout procedures when removing machine guards for maintenance or repairs

Remember the
AUTO
Rule

If you can reach

Around

Under

Through

Over

an existing
machine guard



SELF-INSURED WORKERS'
COMPENSATION FUND

¹<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/machineguarding/index.html>