

Machine Guarding Responsibilities

- Management
 - Ensure all machinery is properly guarded
- Supervisors
 - Train employees on specific guard rules in their areas
 - Ensure machine guards remain in place and are functional
 - Immediately correct machine guard deficiencies
- Employees
 - Do not remove guards unless machine is locked and tagged out
 - Report machine guard problems to supervisors immediately
 - Do not operate equipment unless guards are in place
- Operators should receive training on the following:
 - Hazards associated with particular machines
 - How the machine guards provide protection and the hazards for which they are intended
 - How and why to use the safeguards
 - How and when safeguards can be removed and by whom
 - What to do if a safeguard is damaged, missing, or unable to provide adequate protection

Why?

First, because machine guards keep body parts out of moving machine parts.

Second, because if OSHA comes around, they won't accept the answer of, "It was in my way."

Safely—or Not At All.

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