Fact Sheet

Working with Machine Guards

Machinery can present a variety of hazards to the user, such as rotating belts, pinch points, and saw blades. Machine safeguards are required for all machinery in the workplace to protect employees while using the machinery.

Prior to Using New Machines, Workers Should...

- Be trained on the machine and its safeguards
- Inspect the safeguards prior to using the machine to ensure they are operating correctly
- Remove defective machines from service and report them to the trade supervisor and facility safety specialist



Workers Should Look for Any Dents, Cracks, Corrosion or Any Other Defects That Can Impact the Functionality of the Safeguard Prior to Using Any Machinery.

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