



SAFETY BRIEF

PINCH POINTS

A pinch point is any area where a part of a person's body could be caught in or between the moving parts of a machine. Pinch point injuries range from cuts and bruises to amputated body parts. Here are some safety tips to help you avoid injury.

- Never tamper with any machine guards; if you notice a guard is missing or damaged, report it to your supervisor immediately
- Follow all machine and tool instructions; never use a tool or machine for something other than its intended purpose
- Follow all lockout/tagout procedures
- Only operate machinery if you have received training
- Remove jewelry, rings and watches when working with machines
- Keep hands away from moving machine parts
- Follow appropriate safety procedures when moving heavy or bulky items
- Avoid horseplay on the job
- Keep long hair pulled back and away from your work area
- Frequently inspect the equipment and guards
- Never leave an unattended machine in the "on" position



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