

AVOID ENTANGLEMENT

Machine entanglement can result in catastrophic and irreversible injuries. Workplace machinery operates with tremendous speed and force, capable of cutting, crushing, pressing or slicing through dense materials like metal, wood and plastic.

WARNING: Rotating machine parts can entangle and injure in an instant. The most common machine components that cause accidents are wheels, shafts, power trains, gears, chains and sprockets, screws, presses, pulleys and blades.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM ENTANGLEMENT

- **HOW INCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN**
- **HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF**



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HOW ENTANGLEMENTS OCCUR

- Loose clothing can catch on moving parts and pull you into machinery. Many fatal accidents have occurred due to a sleeve or dangling strap getting caught in a moving part. A loose glove can catch in a power tool and cause a severe hand injury. Ensure your clothing and PPE is properly fitted to avoid becoming entangled.
- Long hair can easily get caught in rotating equipment resulting in severe scalp injuries.
- Neck chains, bandannas, drawstrings, scarves and other accessories can become entangled, leading to choking or crushing injuries.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- **Wear fitted clothing:** And remember to button sleeves and tuck in shirts and pant legs.
- **Avoid loose accessories:** Remove drawstrings from hoodies and don't wear scarves or jewelry. Even rings are a catching hazard.
- **Secure long hair:** Tie hair back and/or keep covered/contained to prevent it from being caught.
- **Use machine guards:** Ensure all equipment is properly guarded. Never remove or bypass safety guards.
- **Report issues:** Immediately notify your supervisor of missing or damaged guards.
- **Follow lockout/tagout procedures:** Always de-energize and secure machinery before maintenance and replace guards before restarting.

REMEMBER: Always follow safety protocols
to prevent entanglement accidents.

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