

Everyday Safety

Tailgate Talks

Pinch Points

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Pinch points can occur anywhere a part of the body can get caught between two objects. This hazard is everywhere in the workplace. Any place where equipment is transmitting energy, there is a pinch point.

Often pinch-point injuries are the result of workers, who are not properly trained, don't realize the dangers of machinery, or take shortcuts to get the work done more quickly, but end up injuring themselves instead. Never perform a task without proper training, by taking shortcuts, or bypassing procedures; the consequences could be serious.



PREVENTING PINCH POINT INJURIES

- Eliminate the hazard by ensuring proper guarding is in place.
- Pay close attention to where your hands are around any moving parts.
- Don't place your hands where you can't see them!
- Wear the proper gloves for your task.
- Use proper lockout / tagout procedures when working on equipment or machinery.
- Communicate and ensure everyone is clear of machinery / equipment before starting it up.

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Resources:

Machinery and Machine Guarding

OSHA Regulations: 29 CFR 1910.211-222

<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.211>

