

Machine Guarding

Instructions: This checklist is intended to help you identify potential hazards in your workplace. The questions are based on applicable Federal OSHA standards. Keep in mind that additional state and local regulations may apply, depending upon your location. Please check one answer for each question. If you select “no,” you should investigate further to determine what corrective action may be needed to address the hazard. You can review the specific OSHA Standards outlined below at www.osha.gov/law-regs.html. Choose “General Industry” or “Construction.”

	Questions	OSHA Regulation	Yes	No	N/A
	General Requirements				
1)	Are machine guards provided to protect the operator and other employees in the machine area from hazards such as those created by point of operations, in going nip points, rotating parts, flying chips, and sparks?	1910.212(a)(1)			
2)	Are guards attached to the machine when possible, and if that is not possible, attached elsewhere?	1910.212(a)(2)			
3)	Is the point of operation on guillotine cutters, shears, alligator shears, power presses, milling machines, power saws, jointers, portable power tools forming rolls, and calendars guarded with a machine guard?	1910.212(a)(3)			
4)	Are all fans less than 7 feet from the floor equipped with guards that have openings no larger than one-half (1/2) inch?	1910.212(a)(5)			
5)	Are machines designed for a fixed location securely anchored to prevent walking or moving?	1910.212(b)			
	Mechanical Power Presses				
6)	Are foot pedals provided to prevent falling or moving objects onto the pedal?	1910.217(b)(4)(i)			
7)	Is a pad with a non-slip contact attached to the pedal?	1910.217(b)(4)(ii)			
8)	Is the main power disconnect switch capable of being locked only in the Off position with every power press control system?	1910.217(b)(8)(i)			

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	Mechanical Power Presses				
9)	Is the motor start button protected against accidental start-up operations?	1910.217(b)(8)(ii)			
10)	Is the point of operation on mechanical power presses guarded?	1910.217(c)(2)			

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