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RISK REMINDER

Hand Safety - Pinch Points

What is a Pinch Point? A pinch point occurs where two objects come together, posing a risk to body parts-especially fingers and hands. Pinch points can be found in various work areas, including machinery, rotating parts, conveyor belts, tailgates and more.

Types of Injuries: Injuries from pinch points can range from minor (cuts, bruises) to severe (amputations, broken bones). In extreme cases, they can even be fatal.

Preventive Measures: To avoid pinch point injuries:

- Always keep your eyes on your hands.
- Stay alert around moving parts.
- Wear proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including gloves.
- Regularly inspect and maintain machine safety guards.
- Use warning labels near known pinch points.
- Follow Lockout/Tagout procedures before servicing equipment.
- Never leave machines running unattended.
- Securely block equipment where stored energy can be released.
- Emphasize doing the job correctly and avoid shortcuts.
- Train employees on pinch point safety.



Stay safe and watch out for pinch points!

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