Machine Guarding

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PURPOSE OF POLICY

- Protect employees, contractors and visitors from any machine related hazards such as:
 - * Point of Operation
 - * Rotating parts
 - * Flying chips
 - * Sparks
- Comply with related regulatory standards (OSHA)

Where Mechanical Hazards Occur

- The point of operation, or point where work is performed on the material:
 - * Cutting, shaping, boring, forming
- Power transmission apparatus, or components of mechanical system that transfer energy:
 - * Flywheels, cams, clutches, cranks
- Other moving parts, or parts that move while unit is working: Feed mechanisms, auxiliary parts

Hazardous Mechanical Motions & Actions

- Rotating Motions
 Smooth & rotating shafts, collars, flywheels, shaft ends, spindles, couplings.
- In Running Nip Points
 - * Parts rotating in opposite directions or in close contact
 - * Rotating & tangentially moving parts (i.e. belt & pulley)
 - * Rotating & fixed parts, creating a shearing or crushing action (i.e. spoked handwheels)

Hazard Motions & Actions (continued)

- Reciprocating Motions

 Back/Forth or Up/Down motions.
- Transverse Motion
 Straight and continuous line.
- Cutting Motion Involves machines with rotating, reciprocating or transverse motion (i.e. bandsaws, circular saws, lathes, milling devices).