



Self-Inspection Form | General Industry | WC 6-23

**Machine Guarding Safety Checklist**

Machine Guarding	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Fixed machines are anchored to prevent tipping or other movement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The operator and other workers in the machine area are protected from hazards created at the point of operation, ingoing nip points, rotating parts, flying chips, and sparks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Operators use special hand tools for placing and removing material where needed to protect their hands.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Machine guards are secured and arranged so they do not cause a hazard while in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Revolving drums, barrels, and containers are guarded by an enclosure that is interlocked with the drive mechanism so that revolution cannot occur unless the guard enclosure is in place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fan blades are protected with a guard having openings no larger than 1/2 inch (1 .2700 centimeters) when operating within 7 feet (2 .1336 meters) of the floor or working level.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pulleys and belts within 7 feet (2 .1336 meters) of the floor or working level are properly guarded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Moving chains and gears are properly guarded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Workers are trained on safe methods of machine operation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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A program is in place for regular safety inspections of machinery and equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All machinery and equipment are kept clean and properly maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sufficient clearance is provided around and between machines to allow for safe operations, set up and servicing, material handling and waste removal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A power shut-off switch is provided within reach of the operator's position at each machine.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hazardous energy to machines and equipment can be locked out for servicing and maintenance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Noncurrent-carrying metal parts of electrically operated machines are bonded and grounded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foot-operated switches are guarded or arranged to prevent accidental actuation by a person or falling object.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Manually operated valves and switches controlling the operation of equipment and machines clearly identified and readily accessible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency stop buttons are colored red.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Splash guards are mounted on machines that use coolant to prevent the coolant from reaching workers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Arbors and mandrels have firm and secure bearings and are free of play.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Machines are constructed so as to be free from excessive vibration when the largest size tool is mounted and run at full speed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Saws used for ripping are equipped with anti-kickback devices and spreaders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Machine Guarding	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Radial arm saws are arranged so that the cutting head gently returns to the back of the table when released.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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