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MACHINE GUARDING: DO'S AND DON'TS

What Would Cosmo Do?

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Cosmo safeguards machinery that causes injury **As an Operator, DO:**



1. Ensure that you are thoroughly and properly trained on machines you will be using prior to use.
2. Stay clear of the machine's danger zone.
3. Wear all required PPE

As an Operator, DON'T:



1. Adjust a machine guard unless you have been thoroughly trained to do so and have permission from your supervisor.
2. Remove a guard for repairs or maintenance, unless you have been trained in, and follow proper Lockout Tagout procedure. The machine must be unplugged and potential sources isolated.
3. Operate a machine unless the guards are properly in place.
4. Wear loose clothing or jewelry when working with machinery.

When considering a machine guard, DO:

1. Insist that machine guards are easily repairable as well as fire and corrosion resistant
2. Confirm that machine guards require minimal maintenance and conform to appropriate national, state, and campus standards

When considering a machine guard, DON'T:

1. Create further hazards for operator
2. Interfere with the machine's operation or cause inconvenience to the operator

Workers who operate and maintain machinery suffer 18,000 amputations, lacerations, crushing injuries, abrasions per year.

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/machineguarding/index.html>

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