

MACHINE GUARDS

Guards are intended to prevent hair, clothing, hands, etc. from becoming entangled with parts of the machine, or to protect you from flying material, which could result in injuries.

1. Always wear **EYE PROTECTION** when using power tools and machines. Long hair must be contained in a cap or net. Don't wear loose clothing or jewelry.
2. **BEFORE OPERATING ANY MACHINE FOR THE FIRST TIME**, ask your instructor to explain the function of the guards and to demonstrate them in operation.
3. Certain types of guards are adjustable. Make sure that the guards are adjusted to give maximum protection.
4. Machines with **LOOSE OR POORLY SECURED GUARDS** must not be operated until guards have been properly adjusted.
5. **NEVER OPERATE ANY MACHINE WITH THE GUARDS REMOVED OR DAMAGED**. Inform your supervisor or instructor of the situation.
6. **ALWAYS CHECK YOUR MACHINE GUARDS** to make sure they are in place and operating, before using the machine. Re-check the guards after every set-up of the machine.
7. If you have occasion to remove a machine guard for any purpose, ensure that the **MACHINE IS SECURELY "LOCKED OUT"** to prevent its being activated while the guard is out of place. Your instructor must supervise this operation.
8. When you replace a guard check its performance before using machine.
9. Report all **UNGUARDED AND INADEQUATELY GUARDED** equipment promptly to your instructor.

AT ALL TIMES – IF IN DOUBT, SEE YOUR INSTRUCTOR