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Toolbox Talks

Weekly Jobsite Safety Meeting

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Pinch Points

General info

A Pinch Point is produced when two objects come together and there is a strong possibility of injury or death if a person were to come in contact with that area.

Pinch points commonly impact fingers/hands, but can impact any area of the body. The injury resulting from a pinch point could be as minor as a blister or as severe as amputation or death. Loaders, vibratory rollers, excavators, and, transport trailers that tilt, are just a few examples of machinery with pinch points. In fact, it is safe to say, that nearly all equipment has at least one pinch point on it.

Common Causes of Injuries from Pinch Points

1. Not paying attention to the location of hands and feet.

2. Walking or working in areas with mobile equipment and fixed structures.

3. Loose clothing, hair or jewelry getting caught in rotating parts or equipment.

4. Poor condition of equipment and guarding.

5. Dropping or carelessly handling materials or suspended loads

6. Not using the proper work procedures or tools

7. Reaching into moving equipment and machinery

Safety Controls for Pinch Points

- Machine guarding: Verify all guarding is in place and effective.
- Personal Protective Equipment: Heavy-duty leather gloves, forearm guards, etc. **Note: Do not wear gloves around rotating machinery.**
- Pre-work inspection: Identify potential pinch points before starting work.
- Stay in employee designated areas: Always make sure mobile equipment operators know your location.
- Lockout/Tagout: Always verify the equipment is de-energized before starting any maintenance work.
- Alertness: Drowsiness leads to inattentive work habits and shortcuts.
- Operating manuals and work procedures: Always review these before starting work; pinch points may also be identified in these documents. •

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