

# **TOOLBOX TALK**

#### **18. MACHINERY**

#### What?



- A machine is an assembly (with a drive system), consisting of linked parts or components, at least one of which moves, and which are joined together for a specific application.
- Machinery is used in a whole variety of ways to make or shape things and can be powered by electricity, air pressure, steam or hydraulic fluids.

#### Why?

- Machines can inflict serious injuries unless proper safeguards are taken to minimise the risk.
- Certain work on machinery such as making adjustments or alterations etc. can be inherently dangerous and therefore requires a safe system of work to eliminate or minimise the risk.
- Operatives must be fully trained and competent making sure that all guards are in place, secure and correctly adjusted before use.



## Do 🗸

- Check that safety devices such as interlocks, trip wires, and emergency stops, work properly – if not, report the matter immediately
- Wear the correct PPE
- Keep away from moving parts such as rotating saw blades use push sticks etc.
- Follow the correct operating procedures
- Report any damaged or faulty machinery



### Don't X

- Don't undertake any work e.g. cleaning, maintenance or repairs, without first isolating the machine
- Don't rely on a stop button even if the job will only take a few minutes, always securely isolate using the proper system
- Don't wear loose clothing, jewellery or other items near moving machinery, or have long hair dangling down
- Don't go near exposed moving parts e.g. rotating saw blades
- Don't use if guards are broken or missing
- Don't remove blade guards or other safeguards

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