



# SAFETY TALK

## Pinch points

A pinch point is when 2 or more objects come together and there is the chance of a body part being pinched.

### What's the danger?

Injuries from pinch points can range from a blister to broken or amputated limbs.

Injury can happen by:

- Not using safe work procedures and reaching into moving equipment and machinery
- Loose clothing, jewelry or long hair being caught in a moving part or pinch point
- Machine guarding being removed or in poor condition
- Not locking and tagging out equipment and machinery
- Not paying attention to location of body parts near pinch points

### Protect yourself

- Review safe work procedures for equipment in use
- Regularly inspect equipment with pinch points and moving parts, noting their location
- Do not wear loose clothing; remove jewelry and tie back long hair when working near pinch points
- Ensure all machine guards around moving parts are in place and effective
- Review workplace procedure for lockout/tag-out of equipment
- Be alert while operating moving equipment

#### Discussion questions:

- **What are the sources of pinch points in your workplace?**
- **What improvements can be made to machine guarding?**

Print and review this talk with your staff, sign off and file for COR™ / SECOR audit purposes.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Concerns:

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#### Employee Name:

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#### Corrective Actions:

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#### Employee Signature:

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