

Working Around Equipment

Pinch point conditions are one of the most difficult hazards to guard and occur when a body part is caught-in and compressed between two objects. There are many areas in the workplace that have potential pinch points, know the hazards in your and your co-workers work zones.

Here are some hazards related to working around equipment

- Falling materials and loads.
- An equipment rolls over or tips over.
- The operator is getting out of a piece of equipment that is still in gear, not setting the brakes or chocking the wheels.
- Working around the powered equipment without the operator's knowledge.
- Lack of equipment operational knowledge.



How to protect yourself and others:

- Always be aware of your surroundings in relation to mobile and powered equipment.
- Make eye contact and receive consent from an operator before walking near powered or mobile equipment.
- Never jump onto or off of equipment and never enter or exit an equipment while it is in operation.
- Always use a spotter when moving equipment.
- Ensure you are always wearing the proper Personal Protective Equipment for the task(s) but remember it is the last line of defense. Note: Do not wear gloves around rotating equipment
- Be sure to be properly trained before operating machinery or equipment.
- Follow lock-out/tag-out procedures before performing maintenance on equipment.
- **Use the hierarchy of controls and plan your work accordingly.**



It is vital to have a 360° awareness working in and around powered equipment or machinery to protect yourself and others.

Summary

There's never usually one reason or one type of person that can be linked to an incident while working around equipment. Crushing Hazards can happen to experienced workers as well as newly trained personnel. Keeping in mind that every machine and every situation will introduce their own hazards it is important to always evaluate your work tasks to see if there are any unnecessary risks to you or your co-workers due to the mentioned hazards above.

Let's discuss what could affect you and your co-workers

What are some of the Crushing Hazard locations in your work area that are related to Working Around Equipment?

How can we eliminate some or all of these hazards?

Can you list some other ways we can protect ourselves from Crushing Hazards at our site?

MEETING DESCRIPTION			
Meeting Date:		Time:	
Location:		Supervisor:	
Number in Crew:		Number Attended:	
Attended By:			Absent

REVIEW ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	INCIDENTS/INJURIES REVIEWED

TOPICS DISCUSSED
1.) Crushing Hazard – Working Around Equipment

WORKERS CONCERNS

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

MEETING CONDUCTED BY			
Supervisor:		Manager:	
Date:		Date:	