

### Machine Guarding

Machines, such as saws, mills, drill presses, sanders, lathes, and grinders, are used every day at Northwestern for cutting, drilling, and shaping materials, such as wood and metal. While these machines are necessary and useful, place and working properly to hands, and other body parts.

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[Machine Guarding](#) and complete [Machine Guarding](#) training. Report all injuries on the Risk Management [website](#) or 847.491.5084.

#### Tips for Success When Talking to Your Team

**Preparation is Key:** Keep the topic relevant. Work with your team to review the various types of machine hazards in your workplace and discuss control methods to stay safe when operating machines.

**Stay Positive:** Keep the focus on what can be done to create a safe workplace, instead of focusing on what has gone wrong in the past.

**Share a Story, Ask for a Story:** Telling a powerful method to convey information. Stories from your employees make the topic even more relatable.

Keep children away from machines with dangerous moving parts, such as circular saws and lawn mowers.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), workers who operate and maintain machinery suffer approximately 18,000

injuries, and there are over 800 deaths per year. In addition, missing guards on machines have been on OSHA's Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards list for the past five years.

#### For Additional Information

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