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Risk Element

- Injury by (trapping, nipping, etc.,) moving/rotating parts of machinery;
- Working on machinery with automatic starting sequences, which may start without prior warning.

Precautions to Eliminate / Reduce Risk

- Ensure guards are correctly fitted to rotating/moving parts of the machine:
- Ensure clothing does not become entangled with rotating machinery. No loose clothing, keep hair tied back;
- Ensure electrical isolation procedure is available and has been carried out by a competent person wherever it is deemed necessary.

Safe Working Method

- When work is to be carried out on unguarded machinery the machine is to be electrically isolated and locked off before the guards are removed;
- Allow the machine to stop completely before carrying out any work on it;
- If the machine has to be run with any guards off, i.e., for test purposes, suitable barriers must be in place around the machine to prevent unauthorised access to the machine. There should also be signs in place to warn personnel of the danger;
- The machine will not be left unattended whilst running unguarded;
- Engineers are to wear suitable protective clothing, i.e. overalls, and ensure that there are no loose items that will catch in the machinery;
- When working close to unguarded machinery engineers should either have immediate access to an emergency stop or have another person present who can stop the machine if an incident occurs;
- When working on machines with an automatic starting sequence the machine must be put under manual control until work is completed and guards replaced.