

SAFETY

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GUARD IT OR BAN IT

Every year in Victoria, dozens and dozens of workers are injured or maimed because they used machinery without guarding.

If you are working with machinery which is not adequately guarded, or which has been modified to remove standard guarding, you are putting life and limb at risk.

- Safety guards are necessary wherever there are moving parts, such as conveyor belts, chains, pulleys, sprockets, flywheels and belts.
- Guards should eliminate points of entry into the machine, but should not add another risk by their presence.
- There should be an automatic shut-off when the guard is removed or tampered with in any way.
- Guards should be firmly secured to the machine and installed so that nothing can fall into it, or shoot out of its moving parts.
- They should be maintained and replaced when necessary.

If you're in any doubt about any safety matter contact your HSR, or call your AWU Organiser or the AWU Victorian Safety Unit on 03 8327 0888 or 1300 362 298.