

HAZARD ALERT

Young Worker Amputation

February 12, 2014 A 21-year-old male was trying to unclog a hemp grinding machine when he was sucked in up to his shoulder in mere seconds. The worker lost his right arm up to the elbow, and doctors are unsure whether or not they will need to amputate the rest of the arm.

Many workers are killed or suffer serious injuries when working with or around energized machinery. A few extra minutes to properly de-energize and lockout equipment before performing servicing, repairs or maintenance can be the difference between life and death in many situations.

Safe Work Practices for Machinery and Equipment Maintenance

- Workers must maintain constant situational awareness; **NEVER GET COMPLACENT WHEN ENERGIZED EQUIPMENT IS IN USE!**
- Avoid the temptation to take shortcuts; **YOU ARE WORTH THE EXTRA TIME!**
- Always conduct pre-shift inspections of all machinery and equipment. Ensure that all safety and warning devices are operational (guard rails, barriers, emergency shut-offs, warning lights/sirens).
- Always shutdown equipment, de-energize, **LOCKOUT AND TEST** before performing maintenance.
- Remember the **ONE LOCK, ONE WORKER** rule. Do not share keys for lockout devices.
- **NEVER** remove guard rails or other safety devices; they are often the only thing separating you from the deadly moving parts of machinery or equipment.
- If you feel the piece of machinery or equipment is unsafe, notify your supervisor and **REFUSE** to continue working with that machine.
- Never attempt servicing or repairs of machinery or equipment unless you have been trained and authorised by a competent person to do so.
- Always follow safe work procedures for the equipment you are using.

DEVELOP, TRAIN and ENFORCE Safe Work Procedures for all energized machinery, equipment and tools in your workplace.
Not only is it the LAW, it is the right thing to do to ensure your workers go home safe each and every day!

NOTE: Any reference to the MB Workplace Safety and Health Act / Regulation is for convenience sake only. The original text must be consulted for all intents and purposes of applying the law. Date of last revision and document confirmed current March-6-14. If you believe this document is out of date, please contact us.



Manitoba WSH Regulation 10/02 Part 16 Machines, Tools and Robots

Safe work procedures

16.2(1) An employer must

- (a) develop and implement safe work procedures respecting all machines and tools used in the workplace;
- (b) train workers in the safe work procedures; and
- (c) ensure that workers comply with the safe work procedures.

16.2(2) The safe work procedures must include practices and procedures dealing with the lockout of machines used in the workplace.

Duty to inform workers

16.3 An employer must ensure that a worker is

- (a) informed of any risks associated with a machine or tool used in the workplace; and
- (b) provided with information, instruction and training in the safe use and operation of the machine or tool.

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