



NORSTEEL SAFETY SENTINEL

PROMOTING A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

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MACHINE & TOOL | SAFEGUARDS

We put many safeguards in place daily to ensure that hazards are eliminated or mitigated. Often, another individual may be responsible for implementing safeguards for a work task. Whether you are someone else is responsible for implementing a safeguard, verifying that safeguards are in place before beginning work is essential.



YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WORKPLACE

ALWAYS USE GUARDS | Never operate a machine or tool without its guard in place. If a guard is missing or damaged, report it immediately to your supervisor.

STAY INFORMED | Familiarize yourself with the specific guards required for each machine you operate. Proper training and awareness are key to preventing accidents.

SPEAK UP | If you notice a colleague not using a guard or compromising safety protocols, kindly remind them of the importance of following safety procedures.

Reminders

Monday, July 1st—STAT (no work)
Monthly Truck Inspections—Due 1st of the month.
Toolbox Talks—Do Monday's WHMIS Training—Please complete online link if you haven't already.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT

	Tue 06/18	Wed 06/19	Thu 06/20	Fri 06/21	Sat 06/22	Sun 06/23	Mon 06/24	Tue 06/25	Wed 06/26	Thu 06/27	Fri 06/28	Sat 06/29	Sun 06/30	Mon 07/01
Day	18°	21°	24°	28°	28°	24°	22°	22°	24°	22°	20°	20°	23°	23°
POF	40 %	40 %	20 %	30 %	20 %	20 %	10 %	10 %	10 %	60 %	20 %	20 %	10 %	20 %
Night	8°	10°	12°	14°	14°	11°	10°	12°	13°	12°	11°	11°	11°	13°
POF	40 %	40 %	20 %	20 %	20 %	10 %	10 %	10 %	40 %	20 %	10 %	10 %	10 %	10 %

WHY ARE SAFEGUARDS NECESSARY?

- ⇒ **Prevent Accidents** | Guards act as barriers between moving parts and operators, reducing the risk of contact and subsequent injuries.
- ⇒ **Enhance Safety** | They are engineered to ensure machines operate safely by containing sparks, debris, or potential hazards within the equipment.
- ⇒ **Compliance** | Using guards ensures that we meet safety standards and regulations set forth by regulatory bodies.

SAFETY TIPS



INSPECT BEFORE USE | Always check that the machine's safeguards are in place and functioning correctly before operating the equipment.

FOLLOW OPERATING PROCEDURES: Adhere strictly to the manufacturer's operating instructions and safety guidelines for the specific machine.

WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING: Avoid loose clothing, or anything that could get caught in the machine's moving parts.

USE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE): Wear necessary PPE such as safety glasses, gloves, ear protection, and steel-toed shoes as required.

KEEP A CLEAN WORKSITE: Ensure the work area is free from clutter and obstacles that could interfere with safe machine operation.

AVOID DISTRACTIONS: Focus entirely on the task at hand when operating machinery. Avoid distractions like using mobile phones or engaging in unrelated conversations.

NEVER BYPASS SAFEGUARDS: Do not disable or remove machine safeguards under any circumstances. They are there to protect you from injuries.

USE PROPER TECHNIQUES: Operate the machine using the correct techniques and methods as trained. Do not take shortcuts or improvise.

STAY ALERT: Be vigilant for any signs of malfunction or unusual noises from the machine. Report any issues immediately to a supervisor.

TRAINING AND SUPERVISION: Ensure operators are adequately trained and supervised when using machinery. Regular refresher training is essential.