

### Can I touch it? .....

Ensure guard prevents hands, arms, or any part of your body or clothing from making contact with dangerous moving parts.

### Can I remove it? .....

The guard shouldn't be easily removable – a special tool should be required.

This will discourage others from tampering with it, too.

### Can I drop stuff through it? .....

Guards should ensure no objects can fall into moving parts – these can easily become dangerous projectiles!

### Can I hurt myself on it? .....

The guard shouldn't pose a hazard of its own! Check for shear points, jagged edges, and unfinished surfaces.

### Can I do my job with it in place? .....

Guards shouldn't block or impede you from performing your job. (You'd might want to remove a guard that does that, right?)

### Can I outsmart it? .....

If you can **Get** over it, **Reach** through it, go **Around** or **Below** it – "**GRAB** it" – then **STOP** because it won't be effective! Replace with a guard that can't be easily overridden.

### Do I have to remove it for maintenance? .....

You should be able to lubricate the machine and perform daily maintenance without removing. Otherwise, the guard might not be put back on!

# The QUESTIONS You Should Ask About MACHINE GUARDING