

The **QUESTIONS** You Should Ask About **MACHINE GUARDING**

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.

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!

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.