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.

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!

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