

	PINCH POINTS	Date:
	TOOLBOX / TAILGATE TALK	Presenter:

Pinch Point

Introduction

1. Review any accidents or "near accidents" from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the Safe way of doing the job.
3. Give the Tool Box Safety Talk

A pinch point is defined as any point where it is possible for a body part to be caught between moving and stationary portions of machinery or equipment. If a person or body part occupies that space during the pinching movement, there is a high probability of injuries such as fractures, amputations, or even death. Be aware of pinch point hazards on your job and take these precautions:

- Prior to use, make sure that all covers and protective shields for equipment and machinery pinch point hazards are in place. Never work around moving machines while the guards are removed.
- De-energize, lock-out, and tag equipment being repaired.
- Be on guard whenever you put your hands, fingers, toes, or feet "between" anything.
- Make sure you have the proper hand clearance when setting down loads or carrying loads through doors.
- Wear gloves that are appropriate for the task. Keep in mind, however, that gloves may cause an additional hazard during some tasks if they get caught in moving parts.
- Avoid wearing jewelry or loose clothing that could be caught in moving parts. Tie back long hair.



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