

# BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

## Avoid hits with these BWC tips

Getting hit by an object can be a particular concern in the manufacturing industry where workers encounter a number of materials that can cause serious injuries or even death. Staying vigilant and following safety procedures are the keys to avoiding collisions.

BWC has several recommendations for reducing the risk of getting struck by objects. These include:

- Properly guarding machines and tools;
- Using screens or partitions to reduce flying debris and particles;
- Avoiding the use of mechanically powered vehicles in the proximity of workers;
- Clearly marking vehicle routes and pedestrian walkways.

BWC can help you educate workers about hazards and safety measures they can take to avoid these accidents, including:

- Training courses on job safety analysis, machine guarding basics and personal protective equipment;
- Videos on machine guarding, pedestrian safety, and other machine safety;
- *Safety Talks* on forklift operation, eye protection, loading dock safety;
- Educational guides.

BWC can also help to protect your workers from other manufacturing industry safety hazards such as:

- Chemical and noise exposure;
- Open wounds from handling or striking against sharp objects;
- Overexertion, repetitive motion or trauma;
- Slips, trips, and falls.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the manufacturing industry by [clicking here](#).

For more information, connect with a BWC safety consultant at 1-866-569-7805 or via email at [besafe@ohiobwc.com](mailto:besafe@ohiobwc.com).

