

BWC Update

Manufacturing industry news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Don't let the machines work you

Machines are an integral part of many businesses' operations. They allow businesses in the manufacturing industry to make and move products with less required effort. Moving parts on machines can be very hazardous to workers who operate them. BWC can help you prevent these occurrences at your work site with the following safety recommendations:

- Ensure proper guards are on all machines and tools;
- Provide adequate working space at machines;
- Lock-out/tagout equipment to prevent injuries from intended start-up or energy release;
- Use visual and auditory signals to warn of hazardous equipment movement.

BWC also has resources your company can use to educate workers about hazards on the job and safety measures they can take. These include:

- Safety consulting services;
- Training courses on machine safety and lockout/tagout procedures;
- Videos on machine guarding and lockout/tagout;
- Safety talks on machine guarding and hazardous energy;
- Educational guides.

BWC can also help protect your work site against forklift incidents, workplace violence, overexertion and slips/trips/falls.

Businesses that have received BWC safety grants see an average reduction in claims of 66 percent.

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