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APPLIANCE GUARDING

Interlocking Guards

Kitchen appliances are commonly equipped with interlocking guards. It prohibits the machine from operating until the guard is in place such as on commercial blenders



Guards Protect

Guards are designed to protect, not hinder from direct contact with moving parts

Never Place Hands into Moving Parts

Before removing items or unjamming equipment the item should be de-energized

01

If Guards are Missing Do Not Use

Do not use any equipment with missing parts or guarding

02

Use equipment only as intended

Use equipment for its intended purpose and always find the right equipment for the job

03

Take the Time to do the Task Correctly

Even if protective measures increase the time it takes to do a task, take proper precautions to do so

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Appliance Guarding Training Guide

Below are questions and talking guides for appliance guarding.

Interlock Guard

What are interlocking guards?

Guards that must be in place for the machine to operate. This is the type of guarding on many kitchen appliances such as commercial mixers and a microwa

Inspection

What are examples of items that should be inspected prior to using an appliance?

- Guards are in place
- All proper parts and pieces are in place
- Screws and other connecting devices are in place and secure

Open Discussion

- What are appliances found in our work area that have guarding?
- If there is a defect in equipment that needs repair or replacement, what is the process for requesting service or new equipment?

Conclusion

Injuries due to removing guards are preventable. Ensure that proper guarding is available for all equipment and is used any time we are working with the equipment.