



# NORSTEEL SAFETY SENTINEL

## PROMOTING A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

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### MACHINE & TOOL | SAFEGUARDS

We put many safeguards in place daily to ensure that hazards are eliminated or mitigated. Often, another individual may be responsible for implementing safeguards for a work task. Whether you are someone else is responsible for implementing a safeguard, verifying that safeguards are in place before beginning work is essential.



### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WORKPLACE

**ALWAYS USE GUARDS** | Never operate a machine or tool without its guard in place. If a guard is missing or damaged, report it immediately to your supervisor.

**STAY INFORMED** | Familiarize yourself with the specific guards required for each machine you operate. Proper training and awareness are key to preventing accidents.

**SPEAK UP** | If you notice a colleague not using a guard or compromising safety protocols, kindly remind them of the importance of following safety procedures.

### Reminders

Monday, July 1st—STAT (no work)

Monthly Truck Inspections—Due 1st of the month.

Toolbox Talks—Do Monday's

WHMIS Training—Please complete online link if you haven't already.

### LOCAL WEATHER REPORT

	Tue 06/18	Wed 06/19	Thu 06/20	Fri 06/21	Sat 06/22	Sun 06/23	Mon 06/24	Tue 06/25	Wed 06/26	Thu 06/27	Fri 06/28	Sat 06/29	Sun 06/30	Mon 07/01
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POP	40%	40%	40%	20%	30%	20%	20%	10%	10%	10%	60%	20%	20%	20%
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POP	40%	40%	10%	20%	20%	20%	10%	10%	10%	40%	20%	10%	10%	10%

### WHY ARE SAFEGUARDS NECESSARY?

- ⇒ **Prevent Accidents** | Guards act as barriers between moving parts and operators, reducing the risk of contact and subsequent injuries.
- ⇒ **Enhance Safety** | They are engineered to ensure machines operate safely by containing sparks, debris, or potential hazards within the equipment.
- ⇒ **Compliance** | Using guards ensures that we meet safety standards and regulations set forth by regulatory bodies.

### SAFETY TIPS



**INSPECT BEFORE USE** | Always check that the machine's safeguards are in place and functioning correctly before operating the equipment.

**FOLLOW OPERATING PROCEDURES:** Adhere strictly to the manufacturer's operating instructions and safety guidelines for the specific machine.

**WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING:** Avoid loose clothing, or anything that could get caught in the machine's moving parts.

**USE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):** Wear necessary PPE such as safety glasses, gloves, ear protection, and steel-toed shoes as required.

**KEEP A CLEAN WORKSITE:** Ensure the work area is free from clutter and obstacles that could interfere with safe machine operation.

**AVOID DISTRACTIONS:** Focus entirely on the task at hand when operating machinery. Avoid distractions like using mobile phones or engaging in unrelated conversations

**NEVER BYPASS SAFEGUARDS:** Do not disable or remove machine safeguards under any circumstances. They are there to protect you from injuries.

**USE PROPER TECHNIQUES:** Operate the machine using the correct techniques and methods as trained. Do not take shortcuts or improvise.

**STAY ALERT:** Be vigilant for any signs of malfunction or unusual noises from the machine. Report any issues immediately to a supervisor.

**TRAINING AND SUPERVISION:** Ensure operators are adequately trained and supervised when using machinery. Regular refresher training is essential.