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## **PINCH POINT SAFETY**

- Pinch points can occur anywhere a part of the body can be caught between two objects. Any place where equipment is transmitting energy, there is a pinch point.
- Pinch points exist on most operated equipment and are commonly encountered during service/maintenance assembly activities.
- Keep Your Guard Up – in addition to making sure that workers understand how potentially dangerous pinch points can be, it is important to ensure equipment is properly guarded to keep workers away from hazardous areas.
- Keep Guards in Place – Removing manufacturer provided guards from tools and equipment is against company safety policy. **DO NOT REMOVE GUARDS.**
- Lockout-Tagout – Because pinch-point injuries often occur when a machine is being stopped temporarily for service or cleaning, it is extremely important that workers follow established lockout/tagout procedures.
- Rigging – Never place your hands, feet, or any other body part between the load and other objects. Protect your hands.....If it is not possible to release the chain, sling, or choker, be sure your hand is clear of pinch points. Keep your hands far enough away so that a frayed wire or splinter on the cable cannot catch your glove and jerk your hand into a pinch point.

- Proper Lifting – When lowering a load, a pinch point is created; Watch your fingers, hands, and feet.