

## Conveyor belt safety

### Introduction:

Conveyors help us enhance productivity, but can be dangerous at the same time. Let's discuss the hazards associated with conveyor belts and what we can do to protect ourselves around them.

### Hazards

Conveys can present many hazards. Keep a watch out for:

- Pinch points where you can become caught in the moving parts.
- Accidental start up of the belt. Be sure all employees are aware and are at a safe distance when starting the belt.
- Guards that have been removed or broken.
- Start or stop switches that are broken or inaccessible.
- Slip, trip and fall hazards around conveyor which could lead to a serious incident.

### Safe procedures:

- Never perform any service work on a conveyor until it is properly locked out and tagged. Only authorized personnel should perform the work.
- Only allow authorized personnel to operate the conveyor belt.

- Keep clothing (including PPE), hair, jewelry, fingers, and body parts from any moving parts.
- Never crawl underneath, sit, climb, or ride on the conveyor belt.
- Don't overload the conveyor belt outside of its limits.
- Know the location of the start and stop controls and keep them free of obstructions.
- Turn off the conveyor before removing jammed material.
- Always report unsafe practices or conditions to management as soon as possible.

### In conclusion:

Conveyors save us time and money, but they are still a dangerous piece of equipment. Remember to work safely around our conveyors and ensure proper procedures are followed at all times.

Let's talk about some of the hazards we face with our conveyors.