

SAFETY MATTERS

MACHINE SAFETY

Working with machinery incorrectly in the waste and recycling industry can lead to serious injury or even death. Each machine has its own safety rules—these tips provide some general guidance to help keep you safe.

ALWAYS USE PROPER MACHINE GUARDING

Machine guarding protects both you and others. Moving parts can cause severe injuries, such as crushed fingers or hands, amputations, burns, or blindness. Make sure these parts are guarded and never remove guards that are in place.



ALWAYS WEAR PROPER PPE

Make sure you are wearing PPE when working on or around machinery. Safety glasses, hard hats, high-viz, safety shoes, and ear plugs can protect you from injury.

LOCKOUT/TAGOUT (LOTO)

Workers doing maintenance can be seriously injured or killed if lockout/tagout is not done to disable machinery first. Injuries may include electrocution, burns, crushing, cutting, lacerating, amputating, or fracturing body parts. Follow LOTO procedures *every time*.

DON'T OPERATE WITHOUT PROPER TRAINING

Training is critical for safe operations. If you haven't been trained to work on a particular machine, don't do it. Period.



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