High 5 for HAND SAFETY

Follow these machine guard tips to ensure hands are protected when operating machinery.

1. **Prevent contact**
   Make sure machine guards prevent hands from making contact with dangerous moving parts.

2. **Be tamper resistant**
   Secure safeguards firmly to the machine so employees can't tamper with or remove them.

3. **Protect against falling items**
   Guards should prevent small objects from falling into moving parts and becoming dangerous projectiles.

4. **Post warnings**
   Place warning signs near machines and make sure they're legible.

5. **Train, Train, Train**
   Even the best safeguard can't protect workers if they don't know how and why to use it.

The primary cause of hand injuries is equipment not performing as expected.

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