

DuPage County Environmental, Safety, Health & Property Loss Control Program Machine Guards, Safety Devices and Alarms

Purpose: Establish policy for machine guards, safety devices and safety alarms on County equipment and employee use.

Policy: No portable or fixed machines or tools are to operated without their proper guards in place.

Safety devices such as relief valves, vents, over speed trips etc., shall not be bypassed or made inoperative.

Safety alarms on machines, boilers, fuel lines etc. shall not be bypassed or made inoperative.

Whenever foot pedals are used to operate machinery the pedals must have a hood to protect the pedal from accidentally operating in event something is dropped onto the pedal.

If guards are to be removed for servicing they shall be replaced before the machinery is put back into operation.

Servicing: Machine guards on components such as flywheels, belts and pulley drives and pump couplings, saws etc. shall not be removed unless the equipment is de-energized, tagged and locked out per DPC LOTO Procedure.