Appendix A Quick reference: Hazards



1. Mechanical hazards

1.1 Factors to consider

- Mass, velocity (kinetic energy of the controlled or uncontrolled moving components)
- Acceleration, force
- Potential energy, namely the accumulation of energy inside the machine produced by:
 - elastic components (springs, etc.)
 - gases/liquids under pressure (hydraulic, pneumatic, etc.)
 - vacuum/pressure effect

1.2 Hazards associated with components and tools

- Moving components and tools
- Relative location of moving components and tools
- In-running nips (rollers, conveyors, etc.)
- Inadequate strength
- Hazardous shapes (cutting, pointed, rough, etc.) (see examples)

1.3 Hazards associated with gravity

 Mass and stability (components or worker falling under the effect of their weight) (see examples)

2. Electrical hazards

- Live conductors
- Live machine components
- Electrostatic hazards

3. Thermal hazards

- Objects or materials at extreme temperatures (high or low)
- Presence of flame or explosion; presence of water and molten metal
- Radiation from sources of heat; cold or hot work environment, etc.

4. Noise

5. Vibration

- 6. Radiation
 - Low frequency, radio frequency, microwave, X-ray and gamma radiation,
 - Laser/infrared, visible and ultraviolet light, etc.

7. Hazards produced by materials, products, contaminants

- Hazardous materials (harmful, toxic, corrosive, reactive, humid, teratogenic, carcinogenic, mutagenic or irritating)
- Infectious materials, and combustible, flammable, oxidizing or explosive materials, compressed gases, etc.

8. Hazards produced by non-respect of ergonomic principles

- Nonneutral posture, force, repetition, absence of micro-breaks, frequent handling
- Inadequate lighting, etc.
- Inadequate visibility, poor location of controls
- Difficult access to the working space, layout of premises, etc.

EXAMPLES OF MECHANICAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH COMPONENTS AND TOOLS



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Hazard	Possible consequences	Hazard	Possible consequences
A CONTRACTOR	 Cutting Severing Projection Drawing in 		 Cutting Severing Projection
C	 Drawing in Crushing Severing 		 Winding Entanglement Impact Drawing in Severing Shearing
	 Shearing Severing Drawing in Crushing Impact 		 Crushing Shearing Severing
	 Drawing in Crushing Tearing out Severing Impact 		 Drawing in Crushing Tearing out Severing Impact



EXAMPLES OF HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH GRAVITY				
Hazard	Possible consequences	Hazard	Possible consequences	
	 Slumping Collapse Subsidence Smothering Jamming Crushing Falling 		• Falling • Slipping • Slumping	
	 Crushing Jamming Lowering Slumping 		 Falling Slipping Tripping 	
	 Impact Crushing Slumping 		 Falling Tripping Slipping 	