WRC Conference- Jan 2019 Common Hazards in Garment Industry

- Ergonomics
- Machine Guarding
- Spot Remover/Spray Booths
- Fire Safety/Emergency Egress
- Temperature
- Air Quality
- Electrical
- Chemical Storage and Use

- Work Areas and Walkways
- Tagging Guns
- Hot Surfaces
- Asbestos
- Sanitation

ERGONOMICS

- Musculoskeletal
- Awkward positions
- Same position for long duration
- Twisting bending
- In depth evaluation
- Variety of controls

Common MSIs

- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Tendinitis
- Trigger finger
- Raynaud's phenomenon

- De Quervain's disease
- Rotator cuff tendinitis
- Herniated spinal disc
- Low back pain

Signs of MSIs

- Less strength for gripping
- Less range of motion
- Loss of muscle function
- Inability to do everyday tasks

Ergonomics

- People-Machine or task interface
 - Muscular-skeletal effects
 - Repetition
 - Contact pressure
 - Cold
 - Awkward posture
 - Vibration
 - Static posture
 - Force
 - Information processing
 - Access to controls
 - Control distinctions and miss-readings

- Symptoms
 - Numbness
 - Tightness
 - Tingling
 - Swelling
 - Pain
 - Stiffness
 - Redness

Engineering Controls

- Work station layout
- Selection and use of tools
- <image>



• Work methods



Administrative Controls

- Change in procedures
- Job rotation
- Rest breaks
- Training
- Exercises















MACHINE GUARDING

- Moving Parts
- Moving/Stationary Parts
- Machine purpose
- Point of Operation guarding
- Power Transmission guarding
- E stops
- Normal Operation (machine guarding)
- Abnormal Operation (service, adjust & repair-Lockout Tagout

Lock out Tag out

- Abnormal Operation (service, adjust & repair-Lockout Tagout
 - Hazardous Energy (ability to cause injury or death)
 - Procedural based
 - Sequential physical isolation of all sources of energy
 - Lock out tag out devices

Definitions

Danger Zone. Any place in or about a machine or piece of equipment where an employee may be struck by or caught between moving parts, caught between moving and stationary objects or parts of the machine, caught between the material and a moving part of the machine, burned by hot surfaces or exposed to electric shock.

Rotating Parts

- Even slowly rotating parts can grip hair and clothing, and through minor contact can force body parts into a dangerous position.
- The danger increases when there are projections on the rotating part.





In Running Nip Points

- In running nip points are hazards caused by rotating parts on machinery. Three types:
 - 1. Two rotating components





In Running Nip Points

2. A rotating part and a part moving longitudinally.







In Running Nip Points

3. Between a rotating part and a fixed component.







Reciprocating and Transverse Motions

- A back-and-forth or upand-down motion, or movement in a straight, continuous line.
- A worker may be struck by a moving part.
- A worker may by caught between a moving and a stationary part.



Punching Actions



Shearing Actions



Bending Actions



Types of Point of Operation Guards

- Fixed
- Adjustable
- Self-Adjusting
- Interlocked guards

Adjustable & Self-Adjusting Guards







Interlocked Guards



Types of Point of Operation Devices

- Presence sensing devices
- Pull-outs
- Holdout or restraint devices
- Two-hand control

POO Guard Devices




































SPOT REMOVER/SPRAY BOOTHS

- Usually solvents
- Flammability
- Toxic over time
- Information regarding health hazards
- Storage & Use
- PPE
- Ventilation
- Substitution













FIRE SAFETY/EMERGENCY EGRESS

- Fire Prevention Plan
- Sufficient number of exits
- Unimpeded path to emergency exits
- Distance to exits
- Exit door hardware (UNLOCKED)
- Fire suppression equipment, i.e. fire extinguishers
- Fire alarm systems

Fire Prevention Plan 3221

Elements. The following elements, at a minimum, shall be included in the fire prevention plan:

Potential fire hazards and their proper handling and storage procedures
Potential ignition sources (such as welding, smoking and others) and their control procedures
Types of fire protection equipment or systems which can control a fire involving them
Names or regular job titles of those responsible for maintenance of equipment and systems installed to prevent or control ignitions or fires
Names or regular job titles of those responsible for the control of accumulation of flammable or combustible waste materials.



FUEL

Fire Prevention Plan 3221

Housekeeping. The employer shall control accumulations of flammable and combustible waste materials and residues so that they do not contribute to a fire emergency. The housekeeping procedures shall be included in the written fire prevention plan.

Training. The employer shall apprise employees of the fire hazards of the materials and processes to which they are exposed.



Portable Fire Fighting Equipment

- Not less than 2A Fire Extinguisher
- Travel distance 75 ft.
- Visually inspected monthly
- Annual Maintenance check



Fire Extinguisher-PASS

- Using a portable fire extinguisher
 - P- Pull the pin
 - A- Aim nozzle at base of flames
 - S- Squeeze the trigger
 - S- Sweep the extinguisher from side to side, covering the area of the fire with the extinguishing agent



Portable Fire Extinguishers

General Requirements.

The employer shall provide portable fire extinguishers and shall mount, locate and identify them so that they are readily accessible to employees without subjecting the employees to possible injury



Employee Alarm Systems

The employee alarm shall be capable of being perceived above ambient noise or light levels by all employees in the affected portions of the workplace. Tactile devices may be used to alert those employees who would not otherwise be able to recognize the audible or visual alarm.



Hotwork Risks

Hot work, such as welding, brazing, torch cutting or grinding in areas that are not designed for the operation of equipment that produces flames or sparks can cause an accidental fire because:

- Flames can contact combustible material
- Spark can ignite combustible material, often through a hole in the wall or floor
- Heat transmitted through pipes, ducts or pipes to combustible materials far from the welding area
- Ignition of flammable vapors or dust in the air.

Safety Precautions for Hotwork

- All fire suppression systems must function properly.
- Obtain a hot work permit and assign a person (firewatch) skilled in the fire monitoring.
- All flammable and combustible materials kept at a distance of 10 meters from the workspace.
 - The combustible material that can not be moved must be protected and covered with fireproof blankets.



Firewatch Responsibilities

- Have fire fighting equipment available for immediate use and be prepared to turn the fire alarm.
- Be alert to unsafe conditions and stop the hot work for potential fire hazards.
- Continuously monitor all areas where a fire start: downstairs and upstairs, and the
 opposite sides of walls and partitions.
- Keep all combustibles covered with fireproof tarps and blankets.
- Be constantly vigilant (even during breaks and lunch) and remain on watch for 30 minutes after completion of the work.

Means of Egress

In every building or structure where a fire may not itself provide adequate warning to occupants, fire alarm facilities or procedures, including an evacuation plan, shall be provided to warn occupants of the existence of fire so that they may escape or to facilitate the orderly conduct of fire exit drills.



Emergency Action Plan

(b) Elements. The following elements, at a minimum, shall be included in the plan:

- 1. Emergency escape procedures and emergency escape route assignments;
- 2. Procedures to be followed by employees who remain to operate critical plant operations before they evacuate;
- 3. Procedures to account for all employees after emergency evacuation has been completed;

Emergency Action Plan

(b) Elements. (cont.):

- 4. Rescue and medical duties for those employees who are to perform them;
- 5. The preferred means of reporting fires and other emergencies; and
- 6. Names or regular job titles of persons or departments who can be contacted for further information or explanation of duties under the plan.



















Heat Illness Prevention Elements

- Access to Water
- Access to Shade
- Weather Monitoring and Acclimatization
- High Heat Procedures
- Employee and Supervisory Training
- Written Procedures Including Emergency Response


AIR QUALITY

- Dusty environment
- Combustible dusts
- Hazardous gas, vapors, mists







ELECTRICAL

- Electricity not visible
- Fire
- Burns, electric shock, electrocution
- Covered, isolated, de-energized























WORK AREAS/WALKWAYS

- Slips and trips
- Falls (elevated locations)
- Housekeeping
- Space between equipment











CHEMICAL STORAGE & USE

- Types of chemicals
- Specific hazards of chemicals
- Incompatible chemicals
- Degree of hazard
- Engineering & Administrative controls
- PPE

"Right to Know" Law

- Ensures all employees' right to know the hazards
- of chemicals they work with at their job
- Mandates that employees must be provided with
- information about chemicals they work with
- through:
 - Information on chemical labels
 - Safety Data Sheets (SDSs)
 - Training on hazard communication
 - Written HAZCOMM plan
 - Current inventory log



Label Information

Chemical manufacturers and importers must provide a label that includes:

- Harmonized signal word
- Pictogram
- Hazard statement for each hazard class and category
- Precautionary statements must also be provided as well as product identifier and supplier information

Labels

Information required on a GHS label:

1-Product identifier2-Pictograms3-Signal word4-Hazard statement5-Precautionary statement6-Supplier information



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Pictograms

Different symbol on white background with red square frame set on point

Eight pictograms are required by OSHA

The ninth one dealing with the environment is not within OSHA's jurisdiction



SDS Categories

Section 1: Identification

Section 2: Hazard identification

Section 3: Ingredients

Section 4: First-aid measures

Section 5: Fire fighting measure

Section 6: Accidental release measures

Section 7: Handling and storage

SDS Categories

Section 8: Exposure controls and personal protection

- Section 9: Physical and chemical properties
- Section 10: Stability and reactivity
- Section 11: Toxicological information
- Section 12: Ecological information*
- Section 13: Disposal considerations*
- Section 14: Transport information*
- Section 15: Regulatory information*
- Section 16: Other information

* OSHA indicated that since other agencies regulate sections 12-15, OSHA will not be enforcing them






















MISC.

- TAGGING GUNS
- HOT PIPES AND OTHER SURFACES
- ASBESTOS
- SANITATION















