

HAZARD ALERT

Bakery Worker Amputates Three Fingers



A worker at a Winnipeg Bakery amputated three fingers with a moving scraper blade when attempting to clean a piece of equipment used to cut dough. The employer was prosecuted and fined \$43,800 for failing to ensure that a worker did not clean a dough dividing machine without the

moving parts of the machine being physically guarded to prevent worker contact with a moving part.

If we are able to learn from these tragic incidents and prevent future losses to you or your co-workers then perhaps they did not happen in vain.

When working with and around moving parts of machinery and equipment REMEMBER:

- Many injuries occur after people have performed cleaning, repairs and maintenance for a long period of time and have become complacent with the hazards
- Many workers believe that they will be safe when they are only performing small/quick cleaning, repair or maintenance tasks
- The release of energy can happen extremely fast, leaving little or no time to react
- Guarding and Lockout can save your life, or the life of a co-worker
- Using proper guarding and lockout practices and procedures is about honoring yourself and provides peace of mind to employers, workers and their loved ones

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help?

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Manitoba Workplace Safety & Health Regulations: MR 217/06 Safeguards required 16.5(1) Subject to section 16.6, an employer must ensure that a machine has safeguards on it that will prevent a worker from coming into contact with the following hazards:

- (a) moving parts on the machine;
- (b) points of the machine at which material is cut, shaped or bored;
- (c) surfaces with temperatures that may cause skin to freeze, burn or blister;
- (d) energized components;
- (e) debris, material or objects thrown from a machine;
- (f) material being fed into or removed from the machine;
- (g) any other hazard that may pose a risk to the safety or health of the worker.

16.5(2)An employer must ensure that any safeguard required under this Part is designed, constructed, installed, used and maintained in accordance with CSA Standard Z432-04, *Safeguarding of Machinery*.

Alternative mechanism

16.6(1)When it is not reasonably practicable to provide a safeguard on a machine, an employer must ensure that an alternative mechanism, system or change in work procedure is put into place to protect the safety and health of a worker.

16.6(2)An alternative mechanism, system or change in work procedure must offer protection to a worker that is equal, or greater to, the protection provided by a safeguard that meets the requirements of section 16.5.

NOTE: Any reference to the Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Act and Regulation is for convenience sake only. The original text must be consulted for all intents and purposes of applying the law. Date of last revision and document confirmed current Sep 14, 2016. If you believe this document is out of date, please contact us.

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Company Name:	Work Location Dept.:
Talk Given by:	Date / Time:

Results of inspection, demonstration or other activity or suggestions during talk:

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