

Power Press Safety

- Power press operators always:
 - Operate the press with adequate point-of-operation safety guards or safety devices. Never by-pass a guard and keep in good repair.
 - Report all unusual noises or loose parts on the press to the supervisor.
 - Obtain authorization from supervisors prior to making any repairs to the press.
- Presses shall be inspected by authorized personnel at regular intervals.
- Personal protective equipment shall be provided and worn where there is reasonable probability of injury that can be prevented by using such equipment.
- Safety glasses shall be worn because the presence of flying metal particles/objects is always possible.
- Gloves are essential when the hands will contact sharp edges and rough surfaces. Conduct a job safety analysis to determine the need for gloves.
- Hearing protection may be required. Check with you supervisor.
- ANSI-approved steel toe shoes must be worn where there is a danger to the feet from falling objects, hitting objects or tripping over objects.
- Keep tools and other materials off the press and the work area clean. Advise your supervisor if the work area or point of operation is poorly lighted.
- Lubricate the press regularly according to the manufacturer's instructions.