



April 30 — Don't Touch It

Employee touched a moving roller

Used stop authority and informed employee of the danger of ergonomics

An employee reached out and touched a moving roller.

The equipment was running. The motion was steady.

It didn't look aggressive. Didn't look dangerous. But moving equipment doesn't need to look dangerous to be dangerous.

Rollers create constant motion and pressure. Once something gets caught a glove, a sleeve, a hand it doesn't stop. It pulls. Fast!!

There's no time to react. No time to pull away.

Nothing had happened but with moving equipment, the risk changes the moment contact is made. Control is gone instantly. The employee was stopped and the hazard was addressed.

This wasn't about the machine failing. It was about getting too close to something already in motion.

Hazards

- Pinch points
- Entanglement in moving equipment
- Crushing injuries
- Amputation risk
- Unexpected pull-in
- Line of fire exposure to mechanical motion

Stats

- Caught-in/between incidents are a leading cause of serious workplace injuries
- Many injuries occur from contact with moving parts during normal operation
- Hands and fingers are the most commonly injured body parts
- These incidents happen quickly with little to no reaction time.=

Words of Wisdom

- If it's moving — don't touch it
- Motion doesn't give second chances
- Keep your hands out of the line of fire

Pause and Think

When equipment is running smoothly, it's easy to get comfortable around it. You've see it run before. You understand what it's doing. That familiarity can make it feel predictable. That's when people get closer.

Sometimes it's curiosity.

Sometimes it's habit.

Sometimes it's just routine.

But moving parts don't recognize experience. They only react to contact.

- Do I ever get too close to moving equipment?
- Am I trusting what I see instead of respecting what it can do?
- Do I keep my hands clear of motion at all times?
- Would I stop someone else before they make contact?