

Bauman Machine Inc.

Safety Program

Slips, Trips, and Falls

Purpose

Certain environments within this facility may contain a reasonable probability of injury that can be prevented by proper maintenance and supervision. Bauman Machine Inc. will do all possible to ensure the safety of our employees. No employee will knowingly be subjected to a hazardous condition without all possible protective measures first being implemented.

Responsibility

Bauman Machine Inc. will be responsible for the well being of their employees while performing their daily tasks. Slips and falls are one of the most frequent causes of accidents, both on and off the job. Each year in the United States, more than 300,000 people suffer disabling injuries from falls. Slips and falls can be fatal as well; they rank second only to automobile accidents, causing nearly 12,000 deaths a year.

Watch Your Step! Don't Slip & Fall

To facilitate cleaning, every floor, working place, and passageway will be kept free from protruding nails, splinters, holes, or loose boards or other hindrances that would prevent efficient maintenance.

Sufficient Illumination

Sufficient illumination will be provided in all areas at all times. Employees discovering lighting deficiencies will report them to the Safety Director for correction.

Watch Where You Walk

Be aware of where you are walking. Look down continuously for flooring defects, spilled liquids and changing surface levels. Make sure the area is well lit or use a flashlight if lighting is poor.

Wear Proper Footwear

Make sure your shoes are in good shape and correct for the job. Discard worn-out shoes with smooth soles and other defects. If conditions are wet and slippery, wear non-slip shoes or boots. Avoid footwear with leather soles which have poor traction--especially on smooth surfaces.

Material Placing & Storage

When storing or placing material into a location, evaluate the situation and consider if its placement will block or obscure a safe passage for people to walk or if it will be a tripping hazard. Try and place all material as much out of normal walkway areas as possible. Do not block doorways.

Use Ladders Correctly

Never use broken or defective ladders. Set the angle of the ladder at the proper four-to-one ratio (height to width angle). Make sure the ladder is on solid footing and will not move when you climb upon it. When possible, tie your ladder to the structure to improve stability. Never stand on the two top steps of the ladder.

Recommendations

- Wear proper footwear for the job. Sturdy non-slip soles intact that give support to the ankle will help reduce slip and falls.
- All shoes that provide for laces, must have laces present and be appropriately tied.
- Housekeeping needs to be addressed. Floors need to be clear of obstructions.
- Slip-resistant floor mats are needed, particularly in wet areas.
- Spills on the floors need to be cleaned up.
- Loads being carried are not to obstruct vision.
- Lighting needs to be improved to give more light to dimly lit areas.
- Employees are not allowed in restricted areas.
- Running and horseplay is not permitted in the work area.

Watch your step and don't trip yourself up!
Remember, Gravity always Wins

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