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## *Weekly Safety Tip*

*Life Is All About Choices!*<sup>®</sup>

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### **SCI Safety News: Fatality investigation reveals missing guards at Wisconsin plant**

*Source: <http://www.blr.com>*

*Date: September 14, 2016*

How did a lathe operator become entangled in the operating spindle of the equipment while hand-polishing a long metal cylinder? Keep reading to find out what happened and why OSHA responded to this fatality with a significant fine.

An investigation into the incident by federal inspectors found that a Cedarburg, Wisconsin tool and manufacturing company allowed the computer-controlled lathe to operate with its safety interlocks bypassed. The interlocks prevent workers from coming in contact with moving machine parts. The agency found the lathe's door that provided guarding was open, exposing the victim to the machine's rotating parts.

OSHA cited the company for one willful and one serious violation of machine safety standards and issued about \$125,000 in proposed fines. Milwaukee area director Christine Zortman noted that OSHA too often finds employers are complacent with machine safety features and bypass them to speed up production. “This worker's tragic death was preventable,” she concluded, adding that the employer “must re-evaluate its overall safety and health management system, including their machine safety programs and procedures to ensure they are effective.”



### **SCI Safety Slogan**

**REMEMBER**

**SAFETY IS  
GAINFUL,  
ACCIDENT IS  
PAINFUL.**

**James Lehrke-SCI**

*Safety Connections wants to help you save money while providing you with the tools necessary to meet OSHA’s regulations and standards!*



*Is your company looking for?*

- **Low cost advantages.**
- **Minimize costs vs. thousands of dollars in fines!**
- **Personalize plans to fit your needs.**
- **Manage your company’s safety program.**
- **Assist you with building a culture around safety**

*Give SCI a call!*

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*Can we help?*

- **Burdensome compliance issues?**
- **Overwhelmed by all the new OSHA regulations?**
- **Schedule required safety training?**

**OSHA fines have risen in the last month 78% and could continue to rise every year!**

- **A Safety advisor can give you?**
  - **An outside perspective on safety compliance issues.**
  - **Need assistance? Safety policies and procedures?**
  - **For OSHA Compliance issues.**
  - **A great working relationship with state OSHA Inspectors.**
  - **On-site consultations if inspected by OSHA.**
  - **Valuable on-site safety inspections by trained advisor.**

**Are your employees at risk for amputation...or worse?**

Every year, thousands of workers lose finger, hands, feet, and other body parts through compression, crushing, or getting them caught between or struck by objects. Amputations, and tragic fatalities like the Wisconsin case, occur most often when workers operate unguarded or inadequately safeguarded equipment.

The best way to prevent these incidents is with machine safeguarding. Guards provide physical barriers to hazardous areas. They should be secure and strong, and works should not be able to bypass, remove, or tamper with them. Guards should not obstruct the operator’s view or prevent employees from working.

Devices help prevent contact with points of operation and may replace or supplement guards. Devices can interrupt the normal cycle of the machine when the operator’s hands are at the point of operation.

## **SCI OSHA Update: OSHA's New Injury Data Disclosure Rule – Good Intentions but Questions on Execution (Part 2)**

*By: Chris Mancillas*

*Source: <http://ehstoday.com>*

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### **Impact on Smaller Companies**

Small companies and multi-site businesses likely will endure much of the fallout from this rule. Although OSHA has stricter requirements on establishments larger than 250 employees – which must electronically report more specific injury data (without the identity of the injured employee) it is these types of establishments that likely have an HR professional and/or a safety manager to handle this extra administrative duty.





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**Quick Tips for Healthy Living**

**Burn an Extra 100 Calories a Day**

Who isn't busy? If you don't have time for your regular workout or are looking for extra ways to burn some calories throughout the day, check out the tips below!

- Take the stairs. Fifteen minutes of stair climbing burns 116 calories. Split that up throughout your day and you won't even notice the extra "work"!
- Stand up. Spend an extra 40 minutes on your feet instead of on your chair and you can burn an additional 100 calories during your work day.
- Pace around your space. Leisurely walking for 40 minutes can burn an extra 119 calories. If you have a speaker phone or headset, walk around your office while on a call.
- Clean the house. If you're deciding between working out or cleaning the house, do both! Vacuuming for 35 minutes can burn 100 calories, 15 minutes of floor washing burns 115, and 30 minutes of mirror and window washing wipes away 125 calories.
- Redecorate. Hanging pictures and setting out seasonal décor items can burn 107 calories for 30 minutes of work.
- Make a meal. You need to eat, so make a homemade meal to burn 128 calories chopping, dicing, and slicing for 40 minutes.
- Pull weeds. Tidying up the landscaping for 30 minutes will eliminate 115 calories.
- Wash your car. You'll save a few bucks and burn 143 calories by washing your car (and maybe your neighbor's too) for 30 minutes.

Get your family off the couch and involved in these tasks too!

But in today's business environment, companies increasingly have become efficient and leaner. A manager for a small-sized establishment now has the expectation to assume more and more safety responsibilities. Administrative burdens can pile up fast when a small plant manager can't turn to an HR professional or safety manager for help with filling out new forms. Closing the gap will take training and time away from running small facilities.

OSHA also inserted language into the standard to limit incentive programs and drug testing in an effort to minimize under reporting. While these provisions have caused much controversy, especially about how the drug testing provisions will be reconciled with DOT requirements and workers' compensation credits, the question has been asked: "What about non-reporting or over reporting?" While these are not reasons not to promulgate the law, it is not uncommon to find smaller-sized establishments, especially those with closer to 20 employees, without an OSHA log. This may be due to ignorance of the law or intentional. Regardless, there will be numerous sites that fail to submit data electronically.

For those "smaller" establishments that are accustomed to filling out an OSHA 300 log, what typically is encountered later by safety consultants out in the field is that the manager who filled them out erred on the side of over-recording, because again, there is no safety professional to review OSHA's FAQ's and interpretation letters on recordability. Thus, what may occur – at least for the near future – is an incomplete or inaccurate picture of small businesses.

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 Kristin and Nick*



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