Guarding Violation Leads to Hand Injury & \$60,000 Fine



A worker was having trouble feeding a sheet metal coil into a paint machine because the steel was oily. A second worker offered to help and "jogged" the machine while the first worker placed a strip of paper on top of the sheet of steel at the pinchpoint area of the rollers. His hand was drawn into the rollers and injured. An MOL investigation found that the paint machine's rollers weren't protected by a guard. The company pleaded guilty to a guarding violation and was fined \$60,000 [Continuous Color Coat Ltd., Govt. News Release, July 4, 2012].