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Managing Safety In A Recession Can Be Challenging

Most businesses today are feeling the affects of the economic downturn. Many of them are in a struggle for survival, and are faced with the task of reducing expenses. This is a challenging time, one that requires creativity and well thought out plans to be successful.

One thing remains constant, *“Every worker has the right to work safe, even in recessionary times”*.

The question is: How Do You Accomplish This?

Step 1 – Identify your areas of risk and categorize them as High, Moderate or Low.

Conducting regular workplace inspections and reviewing past injury reports can help with this task. Refer to Belt Conveyor Guardings *“Conveyor High Risk Zone Checklist”* web link below: www.conveyorguarding.com/info.htm

This useful tool will help you quickly identify areas of concern.

Step 2 – Review your guarding policy. If you don't have one, take the time to develop one. A company guarding policy establishes standard procedures for safeguarding workers from danger zones. Communicate these procedures to every worker and conduct regular audits to ensure compliance.

Step 3 – Develop an action plan that deals with the areas of risks identified. Be sure to act on high risk areas immediately, and set a reasonable timeline for moderate and low risk areas. Attempting to address all areas of concern at once would be impractical and could be very costly, not a recession friendly action plan.

Step 4 - Guard things right the first time. Build or purchase guards that are user friendly and ergonomically designed. If the guard has openings such as mesh, ensure the opening size complies with industry standards. Having to replace inadequate guarding is a waste of money and puts workers at risk of injury.

STAY AWAY - STAY SAFE

Belt Conveyor Guarding is an industry leader in the safeguarding of belt conveyors, and knows how to keep workers safe. Our knowledgeable staff are available to assist with guarding assessments, employee training and developing a guarding policy. We can help you develop an action plan that suits your budget. Remember the only way to truly safeguard against worker injury is to “**STAY AWAY – STAY SAFE**”.

We hope you have enjoyed this tip sheet on “Managing Safety During a Recession” and now see, that there is a guarding solution to suit your budget. Whatever your approach is to guarding, follow these tips and you will reduce worker injury, improve productivity, and comply with industry standards.

I would like to personally wish you great success in your guarding endeavors.

Sincerely,

Paul Vandergeest
President

ON GUARD FOR YOU

Guarding Basics

If your conveyors need guarding, and you are interested in developing a Safety Guarding Plan, then contact Belt Conveyor Guarding to set up an appointment for your free Conveyor Guarding Consultation.

During your initial contact, we will take some time to get to know you and your specific requirements. Once we have a good understanding of your guarding challenges and objectives we will suggest guarding techniques that will quickly adapt to your needs and your budget.

To learn more about High Risk areas around conveyors call our toll free number 1-866-300-6668 or visit our “Conveyor High Risk Zone Checklist” web link:

www.conveyorguarding.com/info.htm

Or visit our website at www.conveyorguarding.com to view our standardized guarding products and solutions. Take advantage of our free instructional videos on how to properly install guards.

With each guarding consultation we will also send you a **free Conveyor Pinch Point Gauge**.

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