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The Key to a Successful Guarding Assessment

There are a few important questions that should be answered before a Guarding Assessment is initiated. Taking the time to address these issues up front will ensure guarding recommendations not only comply with industry standards, but are in line with your company's safety philosophy and vision.

Question # 1 – Are there any “Best Practice Policies” that need to be factored into the guarding assessment? Quite often companies have internal safety policies that go well beyond the minimum expectations of local safety authorities. Knowing and understanding these policies is critical to developing a successful guarding plan.

Question # 2 – Who should be involved in the assessment? It is very important that all parties that are responsible for the equipment have input about guarding. This would typically include but not limited to: Health & Safety Coordinators, Production Managers, Site Supervisors, Purchasing, Maintenance Personnel, and the workers that use the equipment every day. It is also very common to involve the local safety regulators/inspectors that visit your site. By involving the right people thru each step of the guarding assessment, you will ensure that your guarding keeps people safe, is user friendly and is done right the first time.

Question # 3 – Does your company have more than one location or site that requires a guarding assessment? If the answer is yes, there should be a person or team within your organization assigned as the “Internal Champion” of this process. This will ensure the guarding recommendations are consistent from site to site and are in line with your internal safety policies. A site plan/map for each location would also be beneficial.

Question # 4 – How would you like the data from your guarding assessment summarized? Is there a specific format that should be followed that will assist you in presenting this information to the decision makers within your organization?

Taking the time to answer these 4 questions before your guarding assessment starts, eliminates confusion, speeds up the process, and most importantly, ensures you get exactly the guarding you require.

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We hope you have enjoyed this tip sheet on “Guarding Assessments” and now see that selecting the right products and the right supplier is critical. 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 Assessment.

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.

Your assessment comes with no obligation to purchase our products or act on our recommendations, and we will not pressure you in any way. It will be your choice to take the next step, and if you choose not to, that’s okay with us.

Book your free Conveyor Guarding Assessment today by calling our toll free number 1-866-300-6668 or fill in our contact information sheet at:

www.conveyorguarding.com/lpassess.htm

With each Guarding Assessment we will also give you a **free Conveyor Pinch Point Gauge**.

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