

SAFEGUARDS



Information

HAIR PROTECTION

INTRODUCTION

Workers whose long hair had become entangled in lathes, pedestal drills, guillotines and many other types of moving machinery have suffered horrific injuries.

RISK CONTROL MEASURES

Long, wavy or curly hair can be prevented from coming into contact with machinery by:

- wearing a cap
- wearing a hairnet
- wearing the hair in a ponytail or 'bun'.

Of these preventative measures, a cap with a visor is considered the most effective method, as the visor can provide early warning **before** the head comes into contact with moving parts.

It has been identified that one of the main reasons that workers fail to wear protective clothing or equipment is that it is often uncomfortable to wear. Hair protection should be as cool and lightweight as possible, considering the surroundings in which it is being worn. Material can be of open weave if dust protection is not essential.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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