

PINCH POINTS AND CRUSH HAZARDS

LINE OF FIRE | THINK AHEAD. CONTROL THE HAZARD. PROTECT THE CREW.

Today we are discussing pinch points and crush hazards. Review the job, identify the specific exposure, and agree on the controls before work begins.

COMMON HAZARDS AND SAFEGUARDS

- Locate pinch points before moving equipment
- Keep hands away from mating surfaces and supports
- Use handles, push tools, taglines, and mechanical aids
- Maintain communication with operators and spotters
- Never place the body between moving and fixed objects
- Wear gloves for protection but never rely on them against crushing

THE COMMON-SENSE CHECK

- 1 What can go wrong during pinch points and crush hazards?
- 2 Which of today's conditions increases the risk?
- 3 Are isolation, permits, and equipment verified?
- 4 Does everyone understand the controls and limits?
- 5 What will make us stop, withdraw, or raise the alarm?

CONTROL THE EXPOSURE

PLAN

Locate pinch points before moving equipment

VERIFY

Keep hands away from mating surfaces and supports

CONTROL

Use handles, push tools, taglines, and mechanical aids

RESPOND

Wear gloves for protection but never rely on them against crushing

ASK THE CREW

1. Where could this hazard affect us during today's work?

2. Which control must be verified before we begin?

3. What condition requires us to stop work or evacuate?

DATE: _____ SUPERVISOR: _____ CREW / LOCATION: _____