#### Mechanical Power Press Safety

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#### **Power Press Force and Actions**

- Very Powerful
- Can exert force more than 3,000 pounds per square inch
- Punch Metal
- Shear Metal
- Bend Metal



#### **Power Press Injuries**

- Every year 4,000 employees are injured and lose work time from power press accidents
- Half of those employees suffer an amputation



#### Ways to Prevent Injuries

- Know how your press works
- Every day make sure that hazards are addressed
- Keep your work area clean and organized



#### **Power Press Operations**

- Metal stock is placed into press at Point of Entry (manual or automatic)
- Operator activates a switch to activate operation
- Materials are removed manually or automatically



#### **Types of Power Presses**

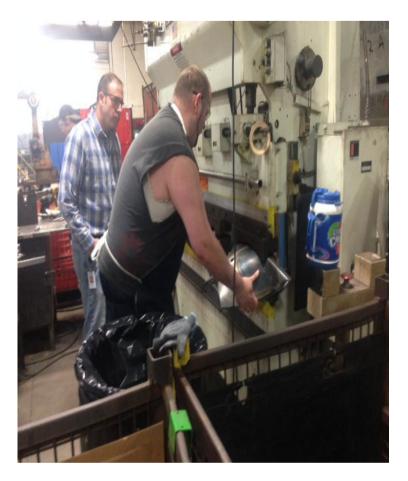
 Full Revolution – once the clutch is engaged, the press cannot stop until it has performed a full stroke

 Part Revolution – press can be stopped mid-stroke



#### **Power Press Dangers**

- The greatest danger of injury is the point of entry
- Safeguards are designed to eliminate injuries
- Operators should never remove, tamper with, disable, or go around safeguards



#### **Best Safety Practices**



- Monitor hand action even when the press is not operating
- When placing or removing material, observe proper safe distances

#### **Best Safety Practices**



• If a part becomes stuck, use only tongs or tools approved by a supervisor or trainer

#### • NEVER REACH INSIDE TO UNSTICK A PART

#### **Best Safety Practices**

- Even when press is not operating, it may not be safe
- Never assume it is safe to reach inside the press
- Uncontrolled energy can build up and accidently activate the press



#### **Personal Protective Equipment**

- Jay Industries, Inc. will provide you with the Personal Protective Equipment that you need
- Jay Industries, Inc. will subsidize steel toed boot and prescription safety glasses purchases



• You MUST wear your PPE

#### Safety Glasses with Side Shields

- Projectiles are a hazard
- Caused by improperly placed materials that are ejected when ram is engaged

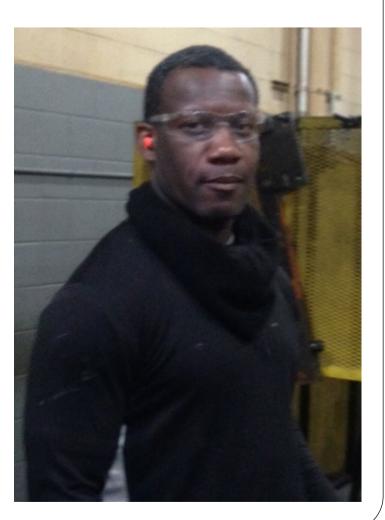
#### I lost more than just time when I had my accident



Protect your sight

#### **Ear Protection**

- High noise levels in the press room
- Hearing loss is irreversible



#### Gloves/No Gloves

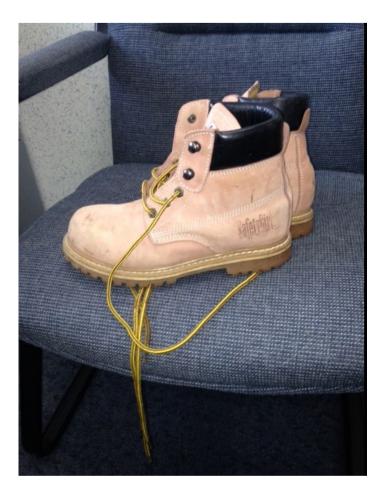
- Protect against cuts and abrasions
- On some presses and during some operations, gloves can be a hazard
- Know your press and when to NOT wear gloves



#### **Steel Toed Shoes**

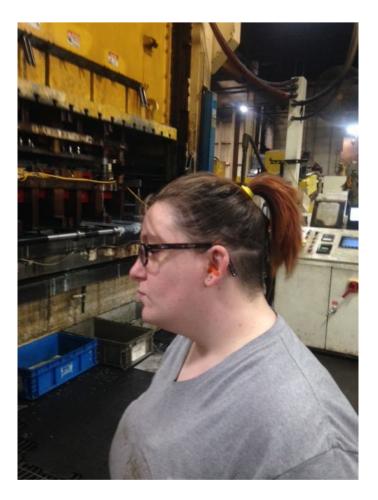
Prevent crush injuries from:

 tow motors
 containers
 dies
 metal stock



#### Work attire

- Loose clothing, jewelry, and long hair can get caught in pinch points and rollers
- Keep attire neat and tucked in to avoid accidental contact with the press



# **Injury Prevention**

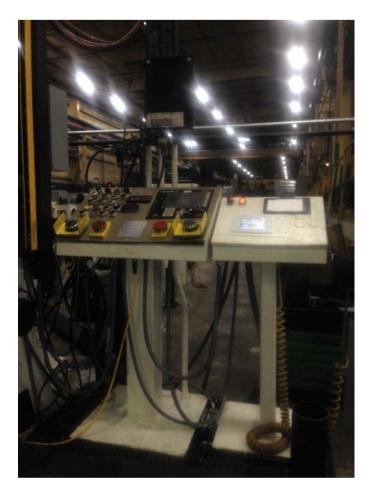
## Know your Equipment

#### Check for hazards

• Use safeguards

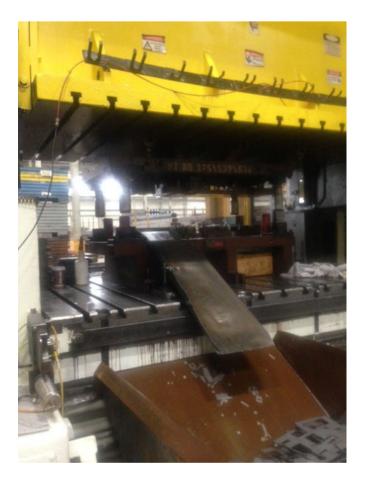
# Before you begin...

- Check the machine for anything unusual
- Talk to the operator from the shift before
- Survey your work area to check for hazards or changes
- Perform a test run
- Make sure the emergency brake is working



## During the shift...

- If a problem occurs, tell your supervisor
- Never reach inside use the tools approved for clearing the press
- Follow lock out/tag out procedures



#### Housekeeping

- Keep the floor clean and free of junk
- Clean up oil and liquids to prevent slips and trips
- Remove unused or unnecessary materials from the work area



# **5S Practices**

- Keeping your work area organized and clean is important to the efficient and safe operation of your machine.
- Be sure to perform your daily cleaning tasks.
- Remove unused or unnecessary materials from the work area.

#### **5S Explanation**





#### Be aware of other hazards

- Tow motors
- Cranes
- Heavy Coils
- Slip, trip, fall hazards
- Moving objects



#### **Press Guarding**

- Physical barriers, like gates and guards
- Light curtains
- Pressure switches
- Hand controls
- Foot pedals

#### • <u>NEVER DISABLE A GUARD</u> <u>OR GO AROUND IT</u>



#### Hand Controls

- Use as designed
- Don't use another part of your body to press the switch
- These keep your hands out of the press



#### Foot controls

- A switch or pedal to allow your hands to be free during press operation
- Avoid accidental activation by keeping floor clean free of hazards, like air hoses and cords
- Be attentive to hand and body positioning



#### **Pressure Sensors & Light Curtains**

- These detect when a person or object enters their field
- They stop the press when the field is interrupted
- Very effective but nothing is fail safe
- Stay aware and keep the proper distances



### Summary

- Be aware of the hazards at your press
- Keep the work area clean
- Inspect your work area daily
- Observe all safeguarding
- Wear PPE



# One incident can change your life forever

#### • Take Control

#### • Be aware of Hazards

• Observe safe work practices