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# GUIDE TO BETTER SAFE GUARDING

ISO STANDARDS AND THE MACHINERY  
DIRECTIVE 2006/42/EC

PROTECTING PEOPLE, PROPERTY, AND PROCESSES.

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Troax is a global developer and manufacturer of steel mesh panels for Machine Guarding, Warehouse Partitioning and Property Protection. Our business concept is to develop innovative steel mesh panel solutions to protect people, property and processes. Our lightweight but strong mesh panels can be combined into unique solutions and are built to withstand the toughest tests and environments. Read more about our systems at [www.troax.com](http://www.troax.com)

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The modern industrial processes are safe when no unauthorized human shall have access to the machinery. Troax mesh panels provide safe machine guarding for your personnel and machine safety in accordance with ISO standards and the Machinery Directive.

Troax is a well-known name in machine guarding and machine security for the production industry in many parts of the world. The key is intelligent details which can be combined with new and old modules in well-tested systems.

In this guide we have gathered the paragraphs from the Machinery Directive concerning machine guarding and highlighted the parts in the ISO standards that will guide you to better safe guarding!

### PROVEN STRENGTH

Step by step, we are developing the foundation of our systems – our mesh panels. Theoretical calculations are tested in our own test center.

The panels are tested using energies of up to 2,500 joules, which is a very respectable level (feel free to compare this with other manufacturers’ panels).

If an accident were to happen, you should know that the panels are strong enough to keep both people and machinery safe. Every single weld can withstand a heavy impact and that makes all the difference.

### COMPLY WITH THE MACHINERY DIRECTIVE

Troax machine guarding and machine safety products meet all the requirements set in the European Machinery Directive, 2006/42/EC – requirements which your installation shall meet today as well as into the future when you have supplemented or extended your machine guarding system with new mesh panels, doors and locks.

In this Guide for Better Safe Guarding, we have gathered paragraphs from ISO standards and the Machinery Directive that deals with machine guarding.



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## BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC has been in force since December 29th 2009. It replaced the previous Directive "Machinery and other technical apparatus" (98/37/EC).

The Machinery Directive has previously undergone a number of name changes. It was originally known as 89/392/EEC. This latest Directive (2006/42/EC) was officially published on the 9th of June 2006 as the third change in legislature for the Machinery Directive. The Member Countries of the European Union have since then had time to implement the Directive into their legislature.

The Machinery Directive provides the harmonization of the essential health and safety requirements for machinery through a combination of mandatory health and safety requirements and voluntary harmonized standards. The regulations apply to machinery, interchangeable equipment, safety components, lifting accessories, chains, ropes, webbing, removable mechanical transmission devices and partly completed machinery. The Member States of the EU, Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Turkey are obliged to incorporate the Directive into their legislature.

## MARKET SURVEILLANCE

The term 'market surveillance' designates the activities carried out and the measures taken by public authorities of the Member States to ensure that the provisions of the Machinery Directive for machinery and partly completed machinery are correctly applied and that machinery placed on the market and put into service is safe. The Regulation is directly applicable from 1st January 2010 and the current Machinery Directive establish a stronger legal basis for market surveillance and enforcement action and also provide for the necessary cooperation between the Members States and the Commission in this area.

The practical application is carried out in the framework of the Machinery Administrative Cooperation Group (Machinery ADCO Group) that exchange information at meetings usually twice a year.

## REGULATIONS FOR PUTTING MACHINERY INTO SERVICE OR PLACING IT ON THE MARKET

Before the manufacturer or his representative may put machinery into service or release it to market, the following conditions must be met:

- The machinery must comply with the applicable sections of the essential Health and Safety requirements as set out in Annex 1.
- The technical documentation as set out in Annex 7, chapter A, must be accessible.
- Provide all necessary information, for example, the machinery's operating instructions.
- Conduct a suitable procedure for the assessment of conformity in accordance with Articles 10–13.
- Issue an EC Declaration of Conformity in accordance with Annex 2, part 1, chapter A. Ensure that the Declaration is supplied together with the machinery.
- Affix the CE marking in accordance with Annex 3.

## RISK ASSESSMENT

The most widely-accepted means of designing machinery or safe guards today is by using a risk assessment as a basis. An early risk assessment validates a safer, more easily-operated machine. A risk assessment can be conducted using a variety of different methods. The ISO 12100:2010 standard provides the necessary guidelines in order to conduct a risk assessment.

## RISK ASSESSMENTS ARE NORMALLY DIVIDED INTO DIFFERENT STEPS:

- Status report: describes the machinery's current status and states its viability.
- Identification of risks: identifies risks based on the Machinery Directive's Health and Safety requirements.
- Risk assessment: assessment and evaluation of the risks. The result serves as guidance for measures to be taken.
- Risk reduction: describes the prescribed action, when taken and the person responsible.
- Methodology: describes the method used and how the analysis is to be interpreted.

A 'step' model is often used in risk reduction. The 'step' model looks like this:

- In the first instance a risk is removed by means of design.
- In the second instance a risk is removed by means of protection.
- In the third instance you can warn or inform about the risk.



# EXCERPT FROM THE MACHINERY DIRECTIVE 2006/42/EC

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**PARAGRAPH 1.3.7  
PREVENTION OF RISKS RELATED TO MOVING PARTS** clear that: The moving parts of machinery must be designed, built and laid out to avoid hazards or, where hazards persist, fixed with guards or protective devices in such a way as to prevent all risk of contact which could lead to accidents.

**PARAGRAPH 1.3.8  
CHOICE OF PROTECTION AGAINST RISKS  
RELATED TO MOVING PARTS** clear that: Guards or protective devices designed to protect against risks arising from moving parts must be selected on the basis of the type of risk. The following guidelines must be used to help to make the choice.

**1.3.8.1  
MOVING TRANSMISSION PARTS**  
Guards designed to protect persons against the hazards generated by moving transmission parts must be:

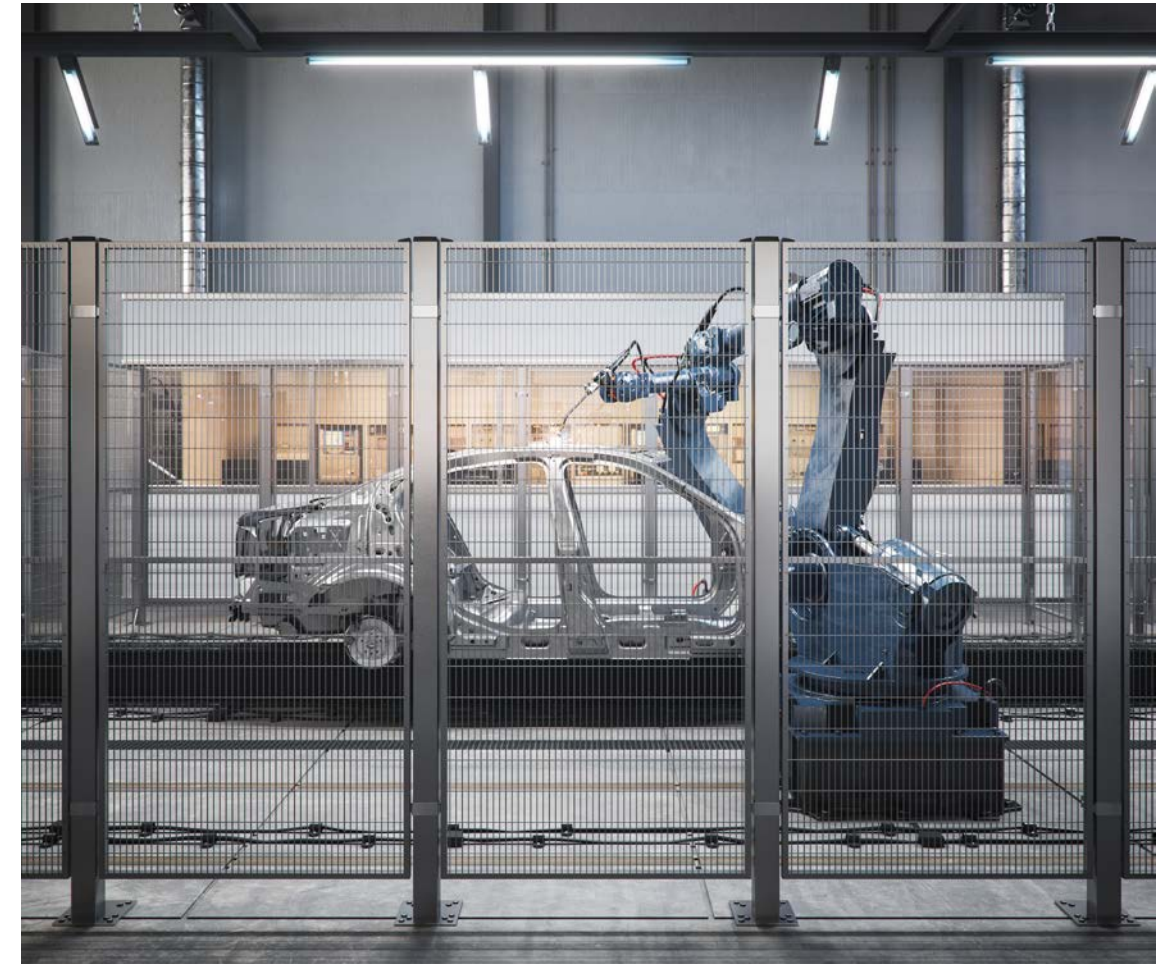
- either fixed guards as referred to in section 1.4.2.1, or
- interlocking movable guards as referred to in section 1.4.2.2. Interlocking movable guards should be used where frequent access is envisaged.

In the Machinery Directive paragraph 1.4 **REQUIRED CHARACTERISTICS OF GUARDS AND PROTECTIVE DEVICES** you can read about the requirements which a machine guard shall comply to.

**PARAGRAPH 1.4.1  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS** clear that; Guards and protective devices must:

- be of robust construction,
- be securely held in place,
- not give rise to any additional hazard,
- not be easy to by-pass or render non-operational,
- be located at an adequate distance from the danger zone,
- cause minimum obstruction to the view of the production process, and
- enable essential work to be carried out on the installation and/or replacement of tools and for maintenance purposes by restricting access exclusively to the area where the work has to be done, if possible without the guard having to be removed or the protective device having to be disabled.

In addition, guards must, where possible, protect against the ejection or falling of materials or objects and against emissions generated by the machinery.



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**PARAGRAPH 1.4.2  
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GUARDS  
1.4.2.1  
FIXED GUARDS**

Fixed guards must be fixed by systems that can be opened or removed only with tools. Their fixing systems must remain attached to the guards or to the machinery when the guards are removed. Where possible, guards must be incapable of remaining in place without their fixings.

**PARAGRAPH 1.4.2.2  
INTERLOCKING MOVABLE GUARDS**  
Interlocking movable guards must:

- as far as possible remain attached to the machinery when open,
- be designed and constructed in such a way that they can be adjusted only by means of an intentional action.

Interlocking movable guards must be associated with an interlocking device that:

- prevents the start of hazardous machinery functions until they are closed and
- gives a stop command whenever they are no longer closed.

Where it is possible for an operator to reach the danger zone before the risk due to the hazardous machinery functions has ceased, movable guards must be associated with a guard locking device in addition to an interlocking device that:

- prevents the start of hazardous machinery functions until the guard is closed and locked, and
- keeps the guard closed and locked until the risk of injury from the hazardous machinery functions has ceased.

Interlocking movable guards must be designed in such a way that the absence or failure of one of their components prevents starting or stops the hazardous machinery functions.

# EN AND ISO STANDARDS



### WORKING WITH STANDARDS

Standards can be likened to a specification for designing a machine so that it meets the Machinery Directive’s requirements. The Machinery Directive is a legal document and the rules and regulations therein must be observed. Standards are guidelines for the design and construction of machinery. If a standard is followed the documentation can be reduced.

A standard:

- Is a recommendation for the design of a product in a certain manner.
- Provides examples of solutions for a recurrent problem.
- Is developed by representatives from manufacturers, users and authorities.

Standardization shall lead to simplification, safety, profitability and improved communications. The standards have been produced by technical committees and working groups.

### HARMONIZED STANDARDS

A harmonized standard means that all Member States of the European Union have approved the contents of the standard in question. Once the standard has been approved it is published in the “Official Journal of the European Communities”, and is then designated as an EN standard. Once a standard fulfils the requirements of a directive it becomes ‘presumed’. An example of such a standard is EN 60204-1 (Safety of Machinery – Electrical Equipment). If the standard’s recommendations are fulfilled, the requirements in the Low Voltage Directive (LVD) are automatically met.

### DIFFERENT TYPES OF STANDARDS

There are several different levels of standards. They are type A, B and C standards. The type A standard has a comprehensive content

and a type C standard is for a specific type of machine e.g Press tool die sets.

The scope of safety standards in the field of machinery is as follows:

a) **TYPE-A STANDARDS** (basic safety standards) give basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to all machinery;

b) **TYPE-B STANDARDS** (generic safety standards) deal with one safety aspect or one or more type(s) of safeguard that can be used across a wide range of machinery:

- type-B1 standards on particular safety aspects (e.g. safety distances, surface temperature, noise);
- type-B2 standards on safeguards (e.g. two-hand controls, interlocking devices, pressure sensitive devices, guards);

c) **TYPE-C STANDARDS** (machine safety standards) deal with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines. (The C standards are often EN standards in EU or national standards.)

### STANDARDS RELATED TO MACHINE SAFETY

Using the applicable harmonized standards in the development of machinery, protection and safety applications is a good aid to, and efficient means of ensuring that the end product fulfils the Machinery Directive’s requirements.

Troax is active in several national and international standard committees since 2007, working to improve and clarify the recommendations of the standards and norms. The EN and ISO standards are our guides for the design and construction of safe products. The standards described in the table on the next pages are the most common standards within the Machine Safety category:

| STANDARD                            | TYPE | DESCRIPTION   | CONTENT*   |
|-------------------------------------|------|---|--|
| ISO 12100:2010                      | A    | Safety of machinery – General principles for design – Risk assessment and risk reduction.   | Specifies basic terminology, principles and a methodology for achieving safety in the design of machinery. It specifies principles of risk assessment and risk reduction to help designers in achieving this objective.  |
| EN 614-1:2006 +A1:2009              | A    | Safety of machinery – Ergonomic Design Principles – Terminology and General Principles  | Design of the machinery and ergonomic design of the workspace.   |
| EN 614-2:2006 A+A1:2008             | A    | Safety of machinery – Ergonomic design principles – Interactions between the designof machinery and work tasks.                   | Design of the machinery and ergonomic design of the workspace.   |
| ISO 13857:2019                      | B    | Safety of machinery – Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs.                            | Establishes values for safety distances in both industrial and non-industrial environments to prevent machinery hazard zones being reached. The safety distances are appropriate for protective structures.  |
| EN 1005-4:2005 +A1:2008             | B    | Safety of machinery – Human physical performance – Part 4: Evaluation of working postures and movements in relation to machinery. | Presents guidance when designing machinery or its component parts in assessing and affecting health risks due only to machine-related postures and movements, i.e. during assembly, installation, operation, adjustment, maintenance, cleaning, repair, transport, and dismantling.          |
| EN 60204-1:2018                     | B    | Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines – General requirements.  | Gives safety guidance and recommendations on electrical equipment for machinery. This includes safety requirements for electrical, electronic and computer controlled equipment and systems for machines – but excludes power circuits where electricity is used directly as a working tool. |
| ISO 13854:2019                      | B1   | Safety of machinery – Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body.  | Purpose is to enable the user (e.g. standard makers, designers of machinery) to avoid hazards from crushing zones. Specifies minimum gaps relative to parts of the human body. Applicable when adequate safety can be achieved by this method.   |
| ISO 13855:2010                      | B1   | Safety of machinery – Positioning of safeguards with respect to the approach speeds of parts of the human body.                   | It specifies parameters based on values for approach speeds of parts of the human body and provides a methodology to determine the minimum distances to a hazard zone from the detection zone or from actuating devices of safeguards.   |
| ISO 11161:2007/ Amd 1:2010          | B1   | Safety of machinery – Integrated manufacturing systems – Basic requirements.  | Specifies the safety requirements for integrated manufacturing systems (IMS) that incorporate two or more interconnected machines for specific applications, such as component manufacturing or assembly.  |
| * TEXT NOT TAKEN FROM THE STANDARDS |      |   |  |



| STANDARD                   | TYPE | DESCRIPTION   | CONTENT*  |
|----------------------------|------|---|---|
| ISO 13849-1:2015           | B1   | Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems – Part 1: General principles for design.                        | Provides safety requirements and guidance on the principles for the design and integration of safety-related parts of control systems (SRP/CS), including the design of software.   |
| ISO 14120:2015             | B2   | Safety of machinery – Guards – General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards.              | This International Standard specifies general principles for the design and construction of guards, both fixed and movable. It is intended for use by manufacturers, designers, standards makers and other interested parties.  |
| EN 614-2:2006<br>A+A1:2008 | B    | Safety of machinery – Ergonomic design principles – Part 2: Interactions between the design of machinery and work tasks.      | Specifies principles for the design and selection. Independent of the nature of the energy source. Of interlocking devices associated with guards. It covers the parts of guards which actuate interlocking devices. It does not necessarily provide all the specific requirements for trapped key systems. |
| ISO 14119:2013             | B2   | Safety of machinery – Interlocking devices associated with guards – Principles for design and selection.                      | Describes basic hazards associated with robots and requirements to eliminate/reduce the risks.  |
| ISO 10218-2:2011           | B    | Robots and robotic devices. Safety requirements for industrial robots Robot systems and integration.                          | This covers how to integrate all equipment into a robot system.   |
| EN 62061:2005/<br>A1:2013  |      | Safety of machinery – Functional safety of safety-related electrical, electronic and programmable electronic control systems. | Specifies requirements and makes recommendations for the design, integration and validation of safety-related electrical, electronic and programmable electronic control systems (SRECS) for machines.  |
| EN 619+A1:2010             |      | Continuous handling equipment and systems – Safety and EMC requirements for equipment for mechanical handling of unit loads.  | This European Standard deals with the technical requirements for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC).   |

THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY DEVICES

Basically it could be said that the content of the Machinery Directive describes how to design and construct the machine so it is safe to use. Some regard the requirement for CE marking as tiresome, expensive and demanding. There are other benefits apart from fulfilling the requirements, such as the working environment becomes safer, the machine operation becomes more reliable and the production becomes more efficient.

GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF SAFETY DEVICES

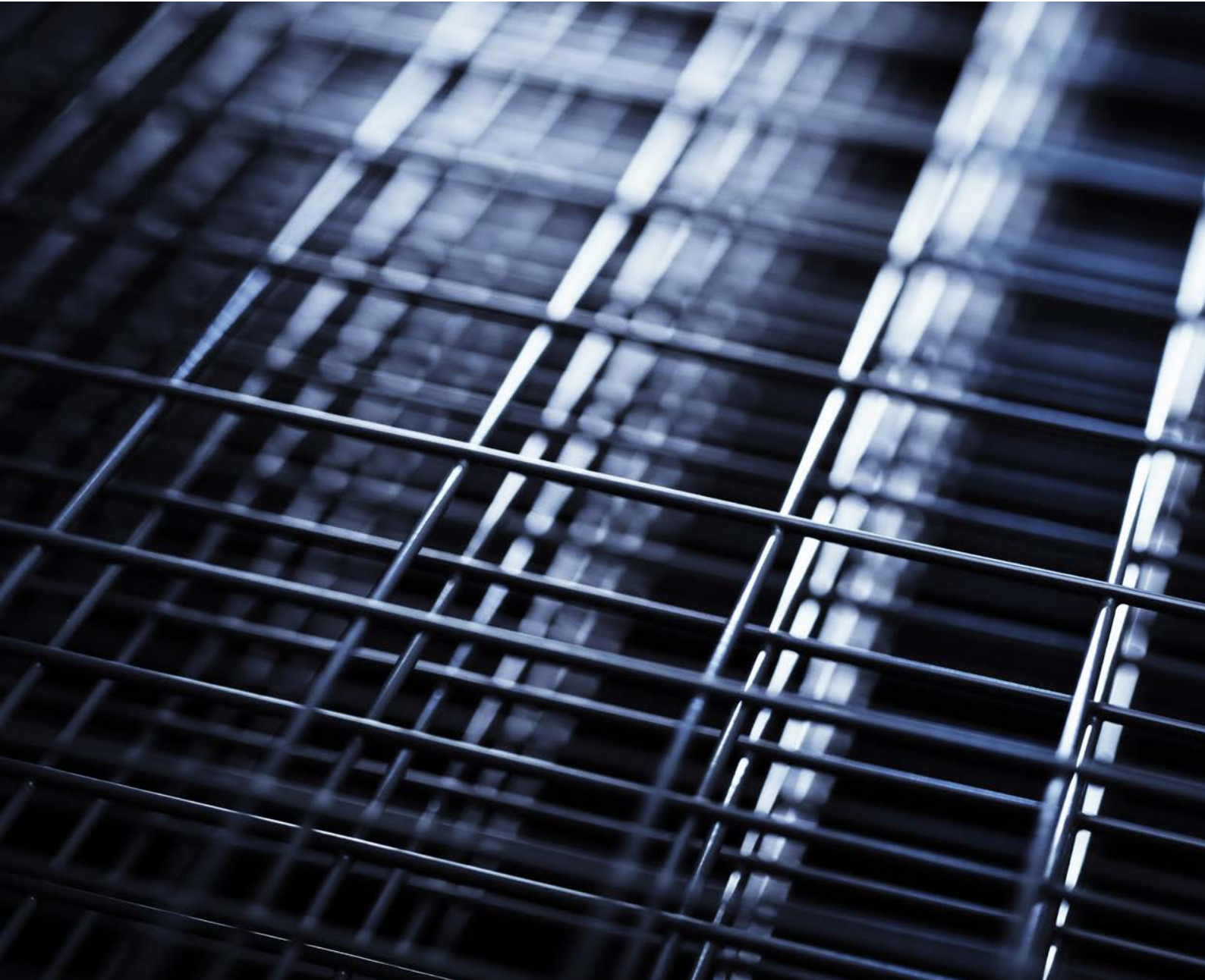
The manufacture of safety devices for a machine requires consideration. Generally there are no problems in removing all risks through protection. The problem is to protect against the risk while at the same time maintaining the machine's ease of use and accessibility. Four concepts need be taken into consideration when selecting safety devices:

- > The machinery directive requirements
- > Accessibility
- > Safety
- > Cost

THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS OFFER GOOD GUIDANCE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF SAFETY DEVICES:

- ISO 11161, Machine Safety – Integrated manufacturing systems. Basic requirements.
- ISO 13855, Machine Safety – Positioning of safety devices taking into consideration the speeds at which body parts approach the danger area.

- EN ISO 13857, Machine Safety – Safety Distance to prevent arms and legs entering a danger area.
- ISO 14120, General requirements for design and manufacture of fixed and opening guards.
- ISO 14119, interlocking devices for combination with guards – Principles for design and selection.



# ISO 13857:2019

## SAFETY OF MACHINERY

### SAFETY DISTANCES TO PREVENT HAZARD ZONES BEING REACHED BY UPPER AND LOWER LIMBS

**SCOPE** This document establishes values for safety distances in both industrial and non-industrial environments to prevent machinery hazard zones being reached. The safety distances are appropriate for protective structures. It also gives information

about distances to impede free access by the lower limbs. It covers people of 14 years and older (the 5th percentile stature of 14 years and older is approximately 1,400 mm). In addition, for upper limbs only, it provides information for children older than 3 years (5th percentile stature of 3 years and older is approximately 900 mm) where reaching through openings needs to be addressed.

#### 4.2.2.2 REACHING OVER PROTECTIVE STRUCTURES

Table 2 – Dimension in millimeters.

| HEIGHT OF HAZARD ZONE, A                     | HEIGHT OF PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE, B |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1,000                             | 1,200 | 1,400 | 1,600 | 1,800 | 2,000 | 2,200 | 2,400 | 2,500 | 2,700 |
| HORIZONTAL SAFETY DISTANCE TO HAZARD ZONE, C |                                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 2,700  | 0                                 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 2,600  | 900                               | 800   | 700   | 600   | 600   | 500   | 400   | 300   | 100   | 0     |
| 2,400  | 1,100                             | 1,000 | 900   | 800   | 700   | 600   | 400   | 300   | 100   | 0     |
| 2,200  | 1,300                             | 1,200 | 1,000 | 900   | 800   | 600   | 400   | 300   | 0     | 0     |
| 2,000  | 1,400                             | 1,300 | 1,100 | 900   | 800   | 600   | 400   | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 1,800  | 1,500                             | 1,400 | 1,100 | 900   | 800   | 600   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 1,600  | 1,500                             | 1,400 | 1,100 | 900   | 800   | 500   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 1,400  | 1,500                             | 1,400 | 1,100 | 900   | 800   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 1,200  | 1,500                             | 1,400 | 1,100 | 900   | 700   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 1,000  | 1,500                             | 1,400 | 1,000 | 800   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 800  | 1,500                             | 1,300 | 900   | 600   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 600  | 1,400                             | 1,300 | 800   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 400  | 1,400                             | 1,200 | 400   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 200  | 1,200                             | 900   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |

#### 4.2.3 REACHING AROUND WITH LIMITATION OF MOVEMENT

Table 3 – shows examples of fundamental movements covering people of 14 years and older. Dimension in millimeters.

| LIMITATION OF MOVEMENT                             | SAFETY DISTANCE, S <sub>r</sub> | ILLUSTRATION |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Limitation of movement only at shoulder and armpit | ≥ 850                           |              |
| Arm supported up to elbow                          | ≥ 550                           |              |
| Arm supported out to wrist                         | ≥ 230                           |              |
| Arm and hand supported up to knuckle joint         | ≥ 130                           |              |

Protective structures lower than 1,400 mm should not be used without additional safety measures.

A = The range of movement of the arm  
S<sub>r</sub> = The radial safety distance

a = This is either the diameter of a round opening, or the side of a square opening, or the width of a slot opening.

#### 4.2.4.1 REACHING THROUGH REGULAR OPENINGS





Table 4 – The values in the table below apply solely to persons aged 14 years and over. Dimension in millimeters.

|   |              | SAFETY DISTANCE, $S_r$   |              |            |            |
|---|--------------|--|--------------|------------|------------|
| PART OF BODY  | ILLUSTRATION | OPENING  | SLOT         | SQUARE     | ROUND      |
| Fingertip   |              | $e \leq 4$   | $\geq 2$     | $\geq 2$   | $\geq 2$   |
|   |              | $4 < e \leq 6$   | $\geq 10$    | $\geq 5$   | $\geq 5$   |
| Finger up to knuckle joint  |              | $6 < e \leq 8$   | 20           | $\geq 15$  | $\geq 5$   |
|   |              | $8 < e \leq 10$  | $\geq 80$    | $\geq 25$  | $\geq 20$  |
| or hand   |              | $10 < e \leq 12$   | $\geq 100$   | $\geq 80$  | $\geq 80$  |
|   |              | $12 < e \leq 20$   | $\geq 120$   | $\geq 120$ | $\geq 120$ |
|   |              | $20 < e \leq 30$   | $\geq 850^1$ | $\geq 120$ | $\geq 120$ |
| Arm up to junction with shoulder  |              | $30 < e \leq 40$   | $\geq 850$   | $\geq 200$ | $\geq 120$ |
|   |              | $40 < e \leq 120$  | $\geq 850$   | $\geq 850$ | $\geq 850$ |
| The colour markings indicate which body parts are limited by size for each opening. |              | <sup>1</sup> If the length of the slot opening is $\leq 65$ mm, the thumb will act as a stop and the safety distance can be reduced to 200 mm. |              |            |            |



4.3 DISTANCE TO IMPEDE FREE ACCESS BY LOWER LIMBS

Table 7 – The values in the table below are independent of whether clothes or footwear are being worn and are applicable for persons of 14 years of age and above. Dimension in millimeters.

| SAFETY DISTANCE, S <sub>r</sub>  |   |   |                |                 |
|--|---|---|----------------|-----------------|
| PART OF LOWER LIMB   | ILLUSTRATION  | OPENING   | SLOT           | SQUARE OR ROUND |
| Toe tip  |  | e ≤ 5   | 0              | 0               |
|  |   | 5 < e ≤ 15  | ≥ 10           | 0               |
| Toe  |   | 15 < e ≤ 35   | ≥ 80           | ≥ 25            |
| Foot   |  | 35 < e ≤ 60   | ≥ 180          | ≥ 80            |
|  |   | 60 < e ≤ 80   | ≥ 650          | ≥ 180           |
| Leg (toe tip to knee)  |  | 80 < e ≤ 95   | ≥ 1,100        | ≥ 650           |
| Leg (toe tip to crotch)  |  | 95 < e ≤ 180  | ≥ 1,100        | ≥ 1,100         |
|  |   | 180 < e ≤ 240   | Not applicable | ≥ 1,100         |
| The colour markings indicate which body parts are limited by size for each opening. If the length of a slot opening is ≤ 75 mm, the safety distance can be reduced to ≥ 50 mm. |   | Slot openings e > 180 mm, square and round openings e > 240 mm permit full body access. Additional safety measures must be taken. |                |                 |

4.4 CONSIDERATION OF WHOLE BODY ACCESS

Protective structures with slot opening with e > 180 mm and square or round opening with e > 240 mm shall not be used without additional protective measures since they can allow whole body access. Protective structures less than 1,400 mm in height, shall not be used without additional protective measures. The consideration of the whole body access either by climbing over or by crouching under

protective structures is indispensable for the application. Appendix B of EN ISO 13857 details special cases for safety devices that solely prevent access for persons in a standing position. As there is a risk of slipping or sliding through – something that cannot be ruled out in a normal industrial environment – the specified values are deemed to be of little use. We have therefore not included these.

# ISO 14120:2015 SAFETY OF MACHINERY

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF FIXED AND MOVABLE GUARDS

An updated version of ISO 14120 was published in 2015, and it replaced the old standard EN 953. Requirements for safety has been updated and tightened to comply with the Machinery Directive, the definitions and terms has been updated, validation and verification has a new table and the information of use is very clear with who can remove guards and what the manual shall include.

TYPE OF STANDARD

ISO 14120 is a type-B2 standard as stated in ISO 12100. Guards provide a risk reduction for both protection against unintended access and against ejected parts and substances. The guarding can also give protection against others hazards e.g. noise, fire, biological hazards, radiation.

SCOPE

ISO 14120 is an International Standard that specifies general requirements for the design, construction and selection of guards provided to protect persons from mechanical hazards. It indicates other hazards that can influence the design and construction of guards and it applies to guards for machinery which will be manufactured after it is published. The requirements are applicable if fixed and movable guards are used. This International Standard does not cover interlocking devices, these are covered in ISO 14119.

ISO 14120 does not provide requirements for special systems relating specifically to mobility or to the ability to lift loads such as ROPS (Rollover Protective Structures), FOPS (Falling-Object Protective Structures) and TOPS (Tip over Protective Structures) are outside the scope of this standard.

IMPORTANT CLAUSES IN THE STANDARD

3.1 GUARD

- Physical barrier, designed as part of the machine, to provide protection.
- alone, in which case it is only effective when “closed” (for a movable guard) or “securely held in place” (for a fixed guard), or
  - in conjunction with an interlocking device with or without guard locking, in which case

protection is ensured whatever the position of the guard.

3.2 FIXED GUARD

Guard affixed in such a manner (for example by screws, nuts, and welding) that it can only be opened or removed by the use of tools or by destruction of the means by which the guards are affixed.

3.3 MOVABLE GUARD

Guard, which can be opened without the use of tools.



3.7 TOOL

Implement such as a key or wrench designed to open and close a fastener. Note to entry: An improvised implement such as a coin or a nail-file cannot be considered as a tool.

3.8 USE OF A TOOL

action by a person under known and predetermined circumstances as part of a safe working procedure

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

In order to select and design types of guards appropriate to particular machinery, it is important to assess the risk arising from the various hazards present at that machinery and the foreseeable categories of persons who can be exposed to the hazard(s) (see ISO 12100:2010, Clause 5).

5.1.3 CONTAINMENT OF EJECTED PARTS AND OTHER IMPACTS

- Where there is a foreseeable risk of
- ejection of parts (for example workpiece or broken tooling) from the machine,
  - impacts from parts of machinery, or
  - impacts from the operator the guard shall, as far as practicable, be designed and constructed so as to contain and withstand such ejections and impacts.



#### 5.2.4 VIEWING

Where viewing of the process is required guards shall be designed and constructed to offer adequate viewing. This can eliminate the need for defeating them. See also 5.9.

#### 5.3.9 REMOVAL OF FIXED GUARDS

Demountable fixed parts of guards shall only be removable with the use of a tool (see 3.8). See also 8.5 and 8.6.

- Fixed guards shall be designed to prevent easy removal.

**NOTE 1** This is because operators may prefer to use an easily removable fixed guard instead of using an interlocked movable guard.

- Quick release fasteners such as quarter turn screws shall not be used to secure fixed guards from outside the safeguarded space.

**NOTE 2** The use of fastenings that can be released quickly from the inside of the guarded area should not be regarded as an alternative to providing an emergency exit. The emergency release of guards with interlocking/guard locking is dealt with in ISO 14119. See also Clause 6, Selection of types of guards.

- Quick release fasteners are not allowed to be used from the outside of the safeguarded space.

#### 5.3.10 MOUNTING OF REMOVABLE FIXED GUARDS

Fixed guards which are removable shall, where practicable, be unable to remain in place without their fixings.

#### 5.3.12 MOVABLE GUARDS

The opening of movable guards shall require deliberate action. Where possible movable guards shall be attached to the machine or adjacent fixed elements so that they are retained, for example by hinges or slides, even when open. Such attachments shall only be removable with the use of a tool (see 3.8). Interlocked moveable guards shall be positioned relative to the hazard zone in accordance with ISO 13855.

#### 5.4.2 IMPACT AND EJECTION RESISTANCE

Guards shall, as far as practicable, be designed and material selected to withstand and contain reasonably foreseeable impacts and ejections according to 5.1.3. Materials for viewing panels shall be selected with properties suited to resist the mass and velocity of the ejected object or material. Where guards are fitted with viewing panels, special consideration

shall be given to the selection of materials and method of fixing them. Guards shall resist static and dynamic forces (pressure, impacts) according to the risk assessment.

**NOTE** The impact resistance depends e.g. on the properties of the material being used, its strength, the fixing and its aging.

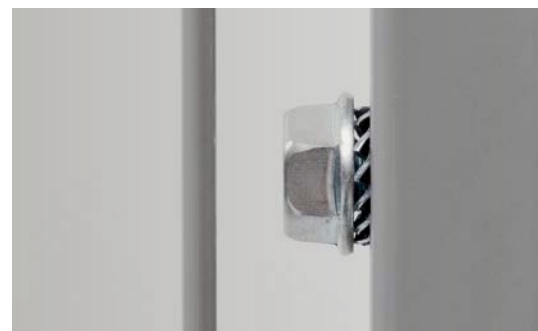
- The risk assessment shall provide information on how much impact resistance the machine guard shall withstand.

#### 5.4.3 RIGIDITY

Support posts, guard frames, mountings, and infill materials shall be selected and arranged to provide a rigid and stable structure and to resist deformation. This is especially important where deformation of material could be detrimental to maintaining safety distances.

#### 5.4.4 SECURE FIXING

Guards or parts of guards shall be secured by fixing points of adequate strength, spacing and number to remain secure under any foreseeable loading or impact. Fixing can be by means of mechanical fasteners or clamps, welded or bonded joints or other means suited to the application. See also 5.3.8.



**EARTHING** For Smart Fix system, the kit functional bonding creates an electrical bonding between panels and posts, solving problems with leakage current.

#### 5.12 ELECTROSTATIC PROPERTIES

Materials of the guard that enclose or is placed in an environment containing dust, fibres or particles shall be selected to prevent accumulation. If there is a risk of static charge to a hazardous level, guards shall be designed in material with an electrical conductance high enough to avoid build-up of static charge or by other measures to prevent hazardous static charge. For consideration of ignition sources, see 5.1.7.

**NOTE** IEC/TR 61340-1 gives guidance on electrostatic problems and hazards.

# REAL IMPACT TEST

using an ABB robot with magnetic gripper that ejects a steel tube of 52 kg into the Smart Fix machine guard.

#### 5.13 GUARDS WITH ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE PARTS

Where guards are made of electrically conductive material and used in electrically powered machines, they may need to be considered as "extraneous conductive parts of the machine" according to IEC 60204-1:2005, clause 8.

#### 5.18 CLIMBING

Climbing on guards shall, as far as practicable, be inhibited by design. Consideration shall be given to this possibility in their construction and the selection of materials and shapes. For example, by eliminating horizontal structural members and the horizontal component of mesh fabric from the outside surface of the guard, climbing is made more difficult.

#### 5.19 RETAINED FASTENINGS

When it is foreseen (for example maintenance) that the fixed guard will be removed, then the fastenings shall remain attached to the guard or to the machinery. The requirement does not necessarily apply to fixed guards that are only liable to be removed, for example, when the machinery is completely overhauled, is subject to major repairs or is dismantled for transfer to another site. For the same reason, it may not be necessary to apply the requirement for retained fastenings to the casings of machinery if,

- the manufacturer's instructions specify that the repairs requiring removal of these casings are only to be carried out in a specialist repair workshop, and

- fastenings, as far as practicable, shall only be removable by the use of a tool. See Annex A for examples of retained fastenings.

**NOTE** This requirement aims to reduce risks due to loss of one or more of the fixings when guards are removed, for example, for maintenance purposes. This can lead to the guards not being replaced, being only partially fixed in place or fixed with replacement fixings that do not have adequate strength, so that the guard cannot adequately perform its protective function, for example, where containment of ejected parts is necessary.

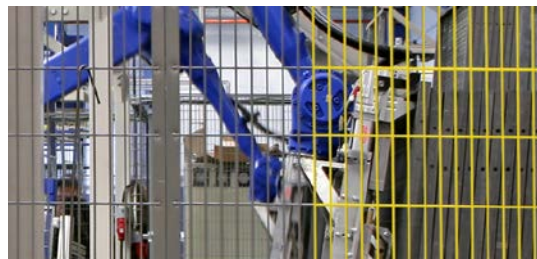


**CAPTIVE BOLTS** The bolt that attaches the panel to the post in the Smart Fix system is held captive even when the system is disassembled, fulfilling the standards and rules for machine guarding.



## 5.22 COLOUR

Attention can be drawn to the hazard while the guard is opened or left off by highlighting the hazard by the use of suitable colours. For example if a guard is painted the same colour as the machine then the hazardous parts is painted a contrasting bright colour. Care should be taken in the selection and combination of colours to avoid confusion, for example red and yellow in combination is normally used for emergency stop. When observation of the process is required, guards of perforate material should not be painted in bright colours, e.g. yellow, that might interfere with the viewing of the process.



**NOTE** For further information see EN 614-1.

## 6.2 COMBINATION OF DIFFERENT GUARDS OR OF GUARDS WITH OTHER DEVICES

It can be appropriate to use a combination of different types of guards. For example:

- if a machine has several hazard zones and access is required to one of them during the operating phase, the guards can consist of a fixed guard combined with an interlocking movable guard;
- if a perimeter fence is used to prevent access to the hazard zones of a machine, an interlocked gate would normally be required to provide safe access.

In a similar way, a combination of protective devices and guards can sometimes be required.

**EXAMPLE** Where a mechanical feed device is used in conjunction with a fixed guard to feed workpieces into a machine (thereby removing the need for access to the hazard zone), a sensing protective device (see ISO 12100:2010, 3.28.5) can be required to protect against a secondary trapping or shearing hazard between the mechanical feed device and the fixed guard.

## 6.3 SELECTION OF GUARDS ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF THE HAZARDS

Where practicable hazards shall be guarded by enclosing guards. When enclosing guards are not practicable guards of the most appropriate type must be selected e.g. fixed guards (distance or perimeter), movable guards, adjustable guards (automatic or manual) (see 6.4). It is possible for a guard to protect multiple hazards and/or hazardous zones e.g. perimeter guarding with an interlocked access gate around an assembly of machines. If a guard protects multiple hazards then the guarding shall be appropriate for all the hazards.

**NOTE 1** When a hazardous area is separated into different zones to allow access to stationary machinery in one zone when machinery is operating on other zones, access to a zone still in operation by accessing a safe zone should be prevented by the use of appropriate safe guarding.

**NOTE 2** Other safe guarding measures outside of the scope of this standard might be more suited to the hazard(s) identified and the intended operation of the machine.

It can be beneficial to the production process to divide a guarded area into different zones, to enable actions (for example checking, adjustment) in one zone to be carried out without affecting machine operation in another zone. In this case, the guarding for each zone shall be in accordance with all the requirements of this International Standard.

### 6.4.4.1

Where access is required only for machine setting, process correction or maintenance the following types of guard should be used:

a) **MOVABLE GUARD** if the foreseeable frequency of access is high (e.g. more than once per week) or if removal or replacement of a fixed guard would be difficult. Movable guards shall be associated with an interlock or an interlock with guard locking (see ISO 14119);

b) **FIXED GUARD ONLY** if the foreseeable frequency of access is low (e.g. less than once per week), its replacement is easy and its removal and replacement are carried out under a safe system of work.

- If access is requested more than once per week, a movable guard (a door) shall be installed.

## 7.2 VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION METHODS

Verification and validation can be satisfied by methods including but not limited to:

- Visual inspection (A);
- Practical tests (B);
- Measurement (C);
- Observation during operation (D);
- Review of task-based risk assessment (E);
- Review of specifications, layout and documentation (F).

### 8.1 GENERAL (INFORMATION FOR USE)

The instructions for use shall contain the required information about guards, their safety parameters and their functions (e.g. vertical or horizontal orientation), including installation and maintenance (see ISO 12100:2010, 6.4).

### 8.2 GUARD HAZARDS

Information shall be provided for any hazards associated with the guards themselves, for example mechanical hazards or flammability of materials and relevant test results. We provide third party test results.

### 8.3 INSTALLATION

Instructions shall be supplied for the correct installation of guards and associated equipment. When guards are to be attached to a structure, the instructions shall include requirements for fixing. This includes but is not limited to:

- fixing to a floor;
- assembling of movable guards;
- number and types of fixings;
- compliance with other relevant standards, e.g. ISO 13857 and ISO 14119.

**NOTE** When guards are designed to be fixed to a concrete floor, instructions for installation can refer to concrete classification. See for example EN 206-1 with classes C20/25 to C50/60 for compressive strength.

## 8.5 REMOVAL OF GUARDS

Information shall be provided indicating actions to be taken before guards are removed, for example machine power isolation, dissipation of stored energy and procedures for the removal of guards. The information shall also prescribe requirements on procedures for the removal of guards, including – the appropriate use of a tool (see 3.9) and – the safe working procedure.

**NOTE** See also ISO 14118 and IEC 60204-1:2005, 5.3 and 5.4.

## 8.6 INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Details shall be provided of inspections to be carried out and maintenance required for, including:

- loss of or damage to any part of the guard, especially where this leads to deterioration of safety performance, for example reduction of impact resistance from scratches to glazing materials;
- deformed or damaged part shall be repaired or replaced if the damage has negative influence on safety;
- replacement of wearing parts;
- correct operation of interlocks;
- degradation of jointing or fixing points;
- degradation by corrosion, temperature change, embrittlement or chemical attack;
- satisfactory operation and lubrication, if necessary, of moving parts;
- modification of safety distances and aperture sizes;
- degradation of acoustic performance, if applicable.

The information for use shall include requirements on the use of a tool (see 3.9).

- The deformed or damaged part shall be repaired or replaced.





**ANNEX A, ANNEX B**

Annex A shows example of retained fastening and Annex B shows example of projectile test method for mechanically testing guards.

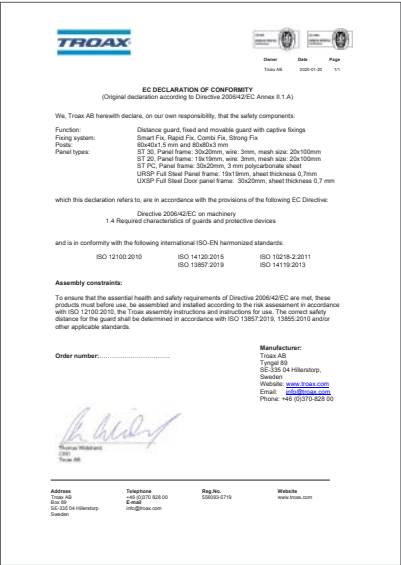
**ANNEX C**

Annex C gives example of the pendulum test method for mechanically testing guards. The pendulum test method can be used to test the resistance of guards against impacts from outside the protected hazard zone and from inside the hazard zone.

The test method is based upon the impact of a “body”, which might be a human body (soft body) or a part of a machine (hard body) falling under the effect of gravity and simulating the contact by the human body with the guard or by part of the machine with guard.

Annex C describes test equipment, test object, test impact energies, resistance of guards against impacts from outside the hazard zone and resistance of guards against impacts from inside the hazard zone and what type of results and test reports that are required.

# EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY



A Declaration of Conformity is a declaration by the manufacturer, or the manufacturer’s representative, that declares that the product meets all relevant safety requirements of the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC. It is a self-declaration that declares that the product is designed and constructed in compliance with the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC.

A Declaration of Conformity is not a quality certificate, nor a safety certificate. The Declaration of Conformity is part of the CE marking for the integrators and the end users. The market surveillance authorities must believe that CE marked products are supplemented with a Declaration of Conformity unless they have evidence toward the contrary (for example by examining or testing the product).

When more than one Directive applies to the machinery, the conformity assessment procedure required by each Directive may be different.

In that case, the conformity assessment to be conducted by each Directive concerns only the aspects that are covered more specifically by that Directive. Examples of specific Directives that can apply instead of the Machinery Directive to machinery that is in their scope are;

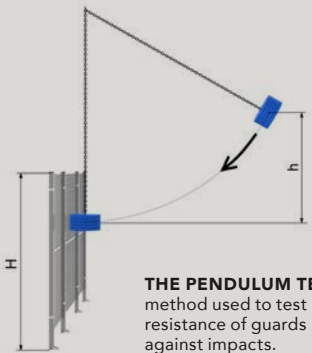
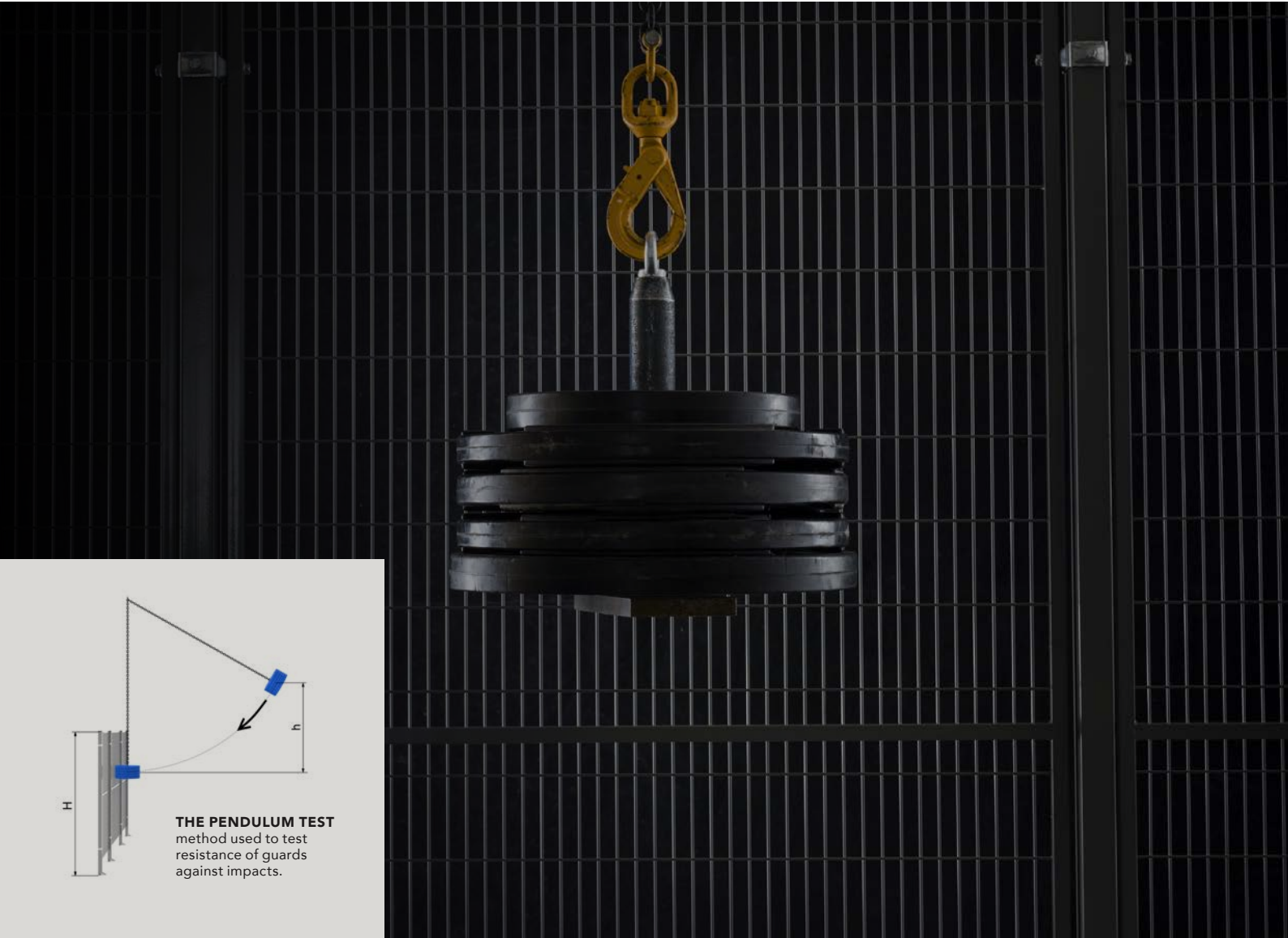
ATEX Directive (Directive 2014EC34 on equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres)

R&TTED (Directive 1999/5/EC45 on radio and telecommunications terminal equipment)

ROHS (Directive 2002/95/EC49 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment)

EMCD (Directive 2014/30/EU on electro-magnetic compatibility)

LVD (Directive 2014/35/EC on lifts)



# RISK ASSESSMENT

## WHAT IS A RISK ASSESSMENT?

"...a careful examination of what, in your work, could cause harm and injury to people, so that you can weigh up whether you have taken enough precautions or should do more to prevent harm and injuries..."

A risk assessment is a vital element for health and safety management, and its main objective is to determine the measures required to comply with authorities' rules and regulations.

## WHY CONDUCT A RISK ASSESSMENT?

A risk assessment will help you protect your workers and your business, as well as helping you comply with the local rules and regulations. As for when to do a risk assessment, it should simply be conducted before you or any other employees perform some work which presents a risk of injury or ill-health.

## HOW TO DO A RISK ASSESSMENT?

There are no fixed rules on how a risk assessment shall be carried out, but there are a few general principles that shall be followed. Five steps to risk assessment can be followed to ensure that your risk assessment is conducted correctly. These five steps are:

- IDENTIFY THE HAZARDS
- DECIDE WHO CAN BE HARMED AND HOW
- EVALUATE THE RISKS AND TAKE ACTION
- RECORD THE RISKS AND IMPLEMENT THEM
- REVIEW THE ASSESSMENT AND UPDATE IT WHEN NECESSARY

## STEP 1: IDENTIFY THE HAZARDS

To identify hazards, you need to understand the difference between a 'hazard' and 'risk'. A hazard is 'something with the potential to cause harm' and risk is 'the likelihood of that potential harm to happen'.

Hazards identified by using several different techniques such as walking around the workplace and asking your employees.

## STEP 2: DECIDE WHO CAN BE HARMED AND HOW

Once you have identified some hazards, you need to understand who can be harmed and how, such as 'people working in the warehouse', or 'members of the public'.

## STEP 3: EVALUATE THE RISKS AND TAKE ACTION

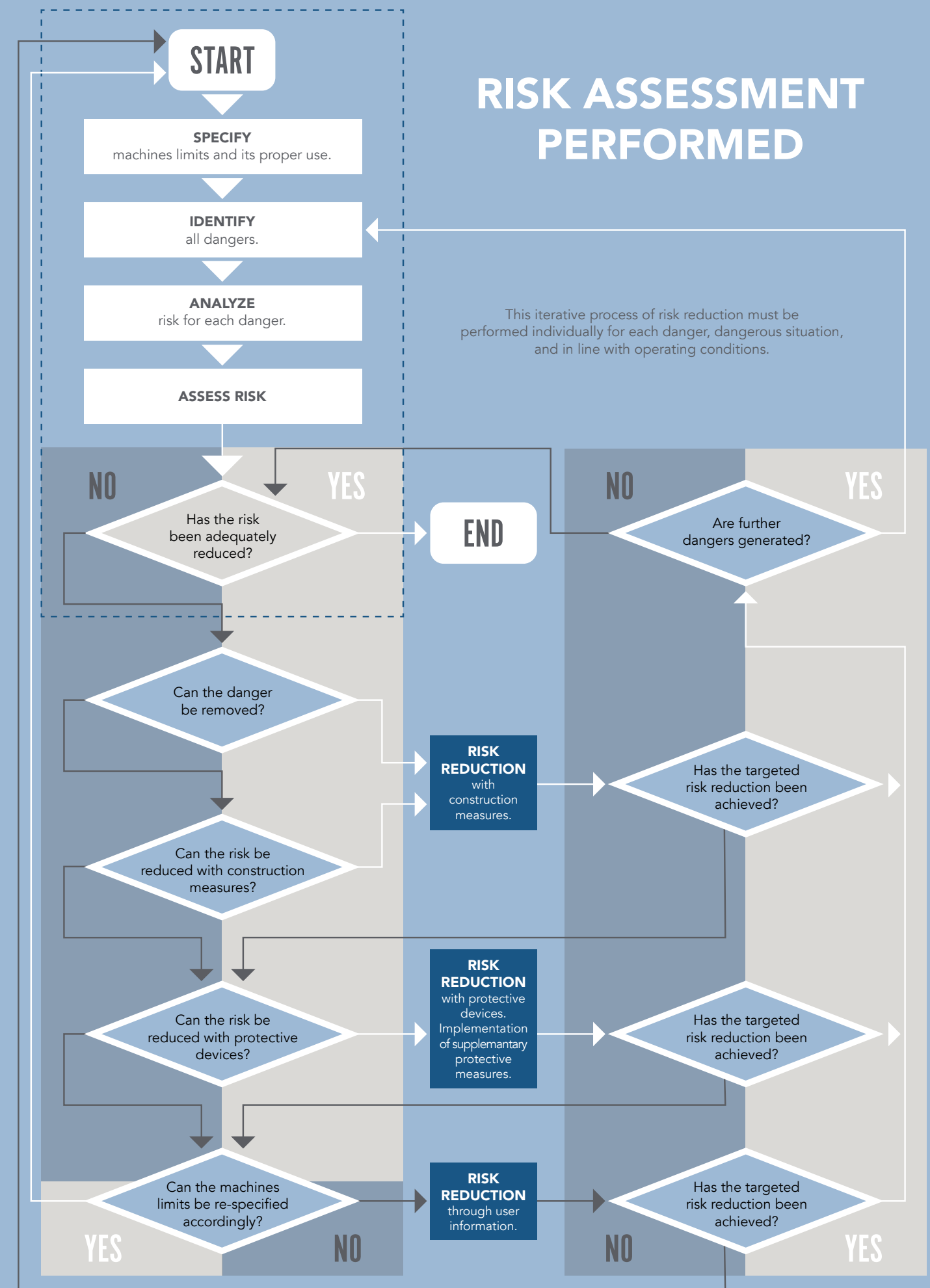
When the hazards are identified and it's been decided who can be harmed and how, you are required to protect the people from harm. The hazards shall be removed, or risk reduction carried out. The risks shall be verified.

## STEP 4: RECORD THE RISKS AND IMPLEMENT THEM

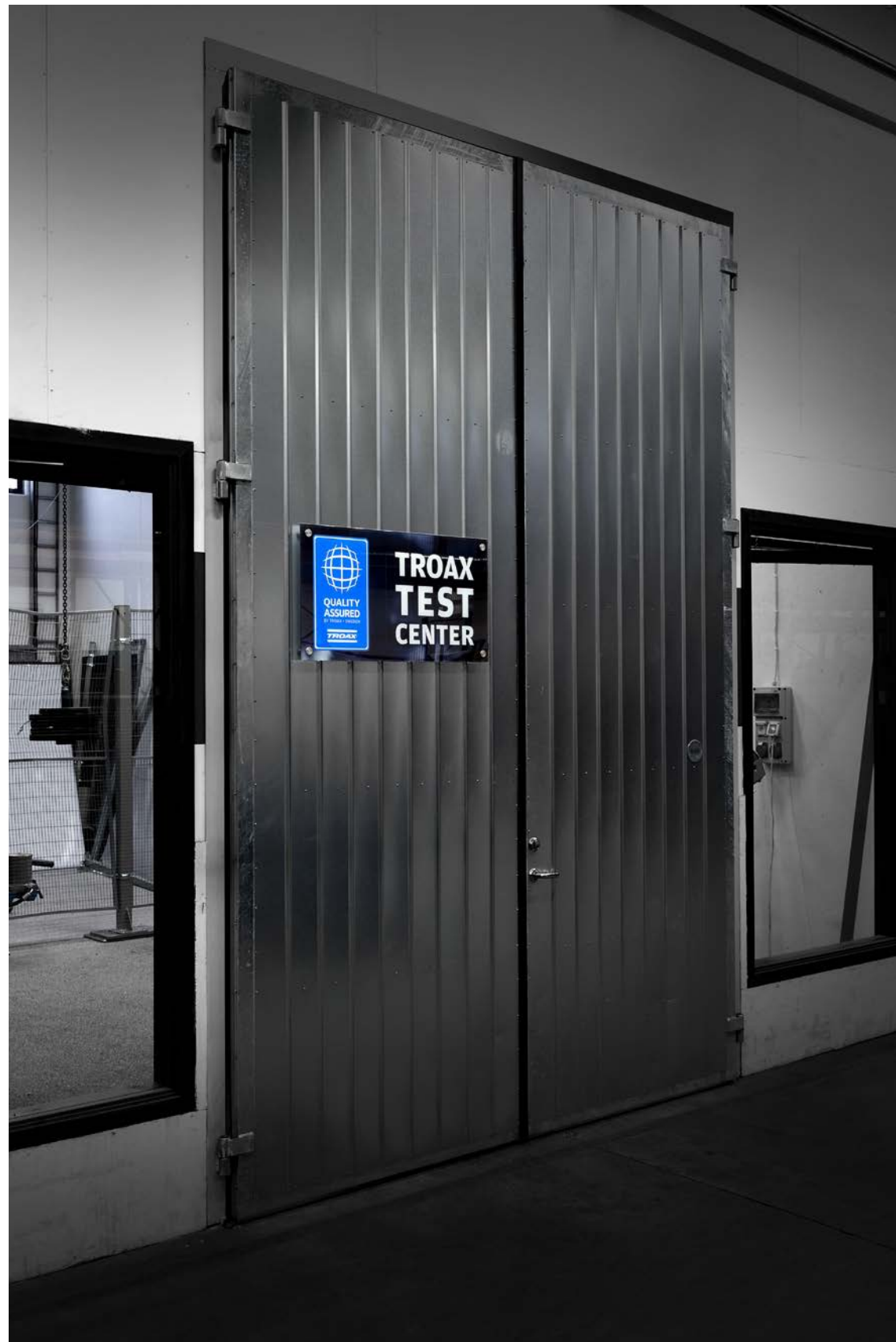
The risk shall be recorded as a legal requirement, and by documenting the risk, it shows that you have identified the hazards, and decided who can be harmed and how, and also explains how you plan to eliminate the risks and hazards.

## STEP 5: REVIEW THE ASSESSMENT AND UPDATE IT WHEN NECESSARY

Never forget that few workplaces stay the same. Ensure that agreed safe working procedures continue to be applied (for example, supervisors and line managers respect management's safety instructions), and take into account any new working practices, new technologies and more demanding work targets.







# TÜV TYPE APPROVED



## TESTED QUALITY IMPROVES SAFETY

Troax machine guarding systems provide safety for persons and machines. For us, it is important that you feel safe in using our products. We perform impact tests on our product systems including panels, brackets and accessories in our Test Center, to ensure their functions and to guarantee our internationally known high quality. Both our products and our test method are verified by TÜV Rheinland, a third party testing institute who validates the safety of products and services of all types, in order to protect people and the environment against hazards.

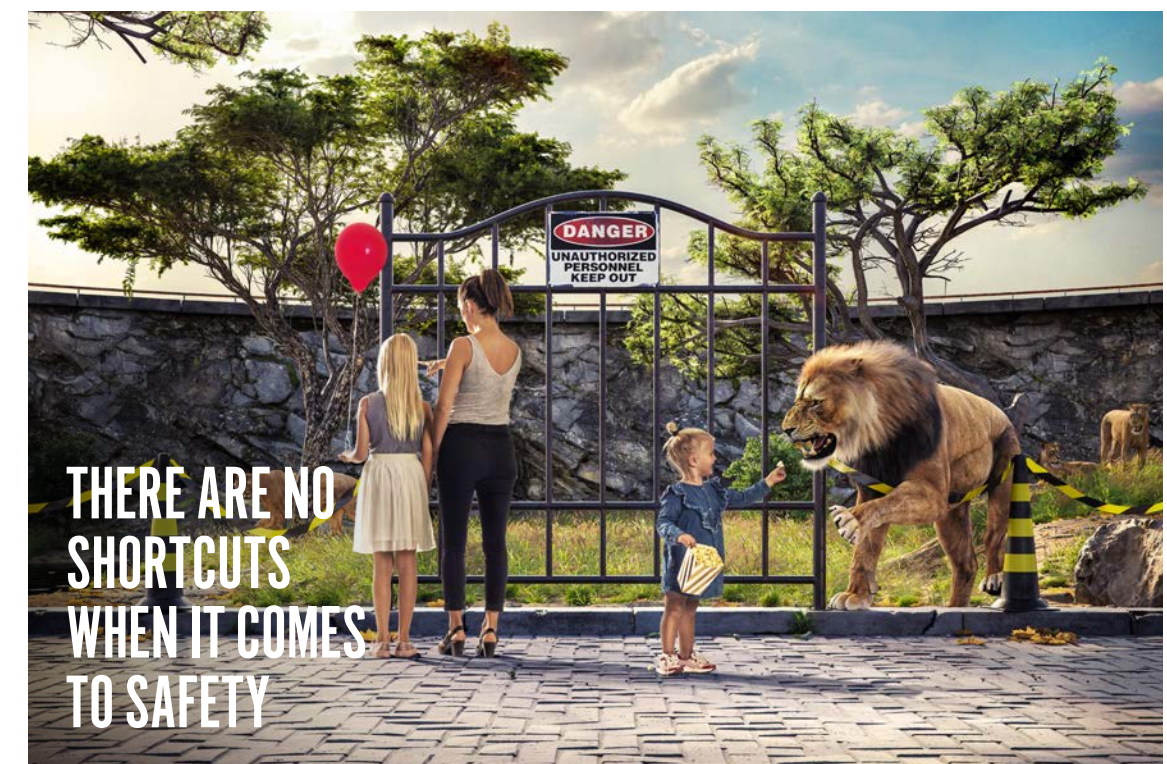
## TROAX TEST CENTER

Our own Research & Development department is working continuously on optimizing products

and system solutions. Over the past decades, more than 800 tests have been performed in our Test Center. All our machine guarding systems are tested in accordance with the test method stated in Annex C, ISO 14120. The tests are conducted by dropping weights on to the protection, weights equivalent to forces of 309 joules all the way up to 2,500 joules. For example, an impact of 1,600 joules is equivalent to 100 kg hitting the protection at 20 km/h.

## TEST REPORTS

All systems and panels are tested. Test reports are available for download on our website, showing the type of panel, post and bracket tested. Watch the impact test movies and read more at [www.troax.com](http://www.troax.com).



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