

# TOOLBOX TALKS

## Machine Safety - Walk-Around Inspections

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### TOPIC: Machine Safety—Walk-Around Inspections

#### Overview

- Walk-around inspections take only a few minutes at the beginning and end of each shift—yet they are one of the best ways to prevent mechanical problems and safety hazards.
- When you find a fluid leak, a loose hose fitting, or some other problem *before* a failure, you help avoid injuries and minimize repair time.

#### What To Do

- Use your senses: sight, smell, hearing, and touch.
- Any time you get off the machine, and definitely at the end of the shift, do a quick walk-around.
- If you see anything different from the way it was when you started running the machine, pass the information on to the next operator and make sure you place this new information about your equipment on your operator report.

#### Frequency

- Check your machine periodically during your entire workday.
- Make sure to do your inspection the same way every time.
- Complete one of these inspections at the start of each shift, anytime you get off of the machine, and at the end of your shift.

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