

Safety Courses Designed For This Industry

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As a business owner, you want to provide your employees with a safe work environment. You want everyone at your business to go home whole and healthy every evening. Unfortunately, that's not always the case.

The very nature of the precision machining industry presents unique exposures. According to OSHA, workers who operate and maintain machinery collectively suffer 18,000 amputations, lacerations, crushing injuries and abrasions each year. In addition, this group has an annual death toll of about 800. You can help your employees avoid becoming a statistic by providing proper training to reduce these types of injuries.

OSHA. One training source available to everyone can be accessed on the OSHA Web site at www.osha.gov. Search for the Machine Guarding eTool that "focuses on recognizing and controlling common amputation hazards associated with the operation and use of certain types of machines."

Federated Insurance. PMPA members can also request the "Machine Guarding and Personal Protective Equipment Training" CD-ROM created by Federated Insurance, the PMPA's preferred provider of insurance services. It offers interactive training and reference material in two separate courses. The first course, "Machine Guarding Training," outlines

methods of guarding for different machine motions. The second course, "PPE Training," shows a variety of exposures common to machine shops, along with methods of personal protection.

To order your copy of this training resource, contact your Federated representative or e-mail Nate Oland, Federated Insurance's national account executive, at wsoland@fedins.com. Federated's proactive approach to risk management includes other services and tools to help you make sound business decisions—from employee selection and training to controlling hazards to choosing types and amounts of insurance coverage. Visit Federated's Web site at www.federatedinsurance.com or call 800-533-0472 for other risk management materials.

PMPA members are also encouraged to contact Federated Insurance to discuss coverage options. Insurance coverage and availability vary from state-to-state.



Decrease Violations And Increase Profits. On Monday, April 27, Bill Emanuel of Federated Insurance will lead a discussion of the "Top 10" OSHA issues. The discussion will take place during the PMPA National Technical Conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Hear the background and the lessons learned relative to each issue, as well as what you can do to avoid the noncompliance issue and thereby increase your bottom line.