



WORKER CRUSHED!

CAUGHT BETWEEN DIE PLATES WHILE REPAIRING INJECTION MOLDING MACHINE

In a recent incident, a 47-year-old mechanic, Frank M.*, died when he stood between the die plates of an injection molding machine to perform repairs. A supervisor closed a safety door which allowed the machine to run before Frank had a chance to get out.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

The machine was not shut off before the repair.

The die plates were able to move.

Frank was standing between the die plates.

The supervisor shut the safety door with Frank inside.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Always lockout and tagout machines before repair.

Use blocks or “dogs” to keep machine parts from moving.

Use long-handled tools to stay out of pinch points.

Make sure safety doors stay open during repairs.

The California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program has been investigating work-related deaths since 1992. The goal of the FACE program is to prevent these deaths by informing workers and managers of worksite hazards and how to avoid them.

For complete fatality reports of these (98CA001 & 01CA007), or other cases, and additional information on the California FACE program, please contact:
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* Not the victim’s real name

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FACE stands for "Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation." The purpose of the **FACE** program is to identify hazards that may cause work-related deaths so that employers and employees can help prevent them. **FACE** is a program run by the Occupational Health Branch within the California Department of Public Health, and funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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