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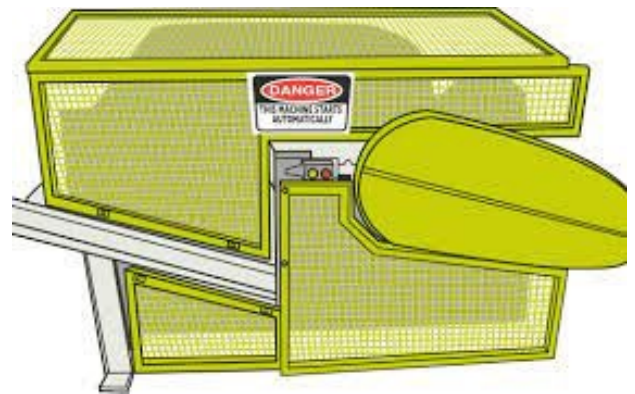
Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Bruised rib removing guard

While removing a guard on a mobile crusher to inspect where smoke was coming from, a worker underestimated the weight of the guard and struggled to hold it.

As he removed the guard he slipped and took a backwards step from the mobile crusher onto a stockpile.

In the process the guard struck him, bruising his ribs. There were no other injuries.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the 5 years to Mar 2022, shows 16% (771) of all incidents result from falls, with 321 incidents resulting from fall of a person.

You need to ensure that:

1. Appropriate mechanical aids and equipment are available to avoid injuries to workers from lifting, carrying, pushing or pulling heavy loads.
2. Equipment used for lifting is used properly and maintained in accordance with Original Manufacturers Specifications.
3. Workers are trained and competent in safe handling methods and how to safely use any mechanical aids and equipment.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.