# ANSI B11.0 2015 Safety of Machinery; General Requirements and Risk Assessment

## Pre 2015 Description

New, modified, or rebuilt power driven machines used to shape and or form metal or other materials by cutting, impact, pressure, electrical or other processing techniques (or combination).

## 2015 Description

New description is expected that will expand the scope.

## Who should purchase?

Anyone who needs an overview of the theoretical procedure to do a risk assessment. It includes useful examples in the appendix.

## Definitions

If these are terms are used on your plant floor, chances are this standard will give you valuable guidance.

**Antirepeat**: requires release of all actuating controls before another cycle can be initiated

**Bed**: stationary member of machine that supports tooling or other associated equipment

**Chuck**: device used for gripping

**Full revolution clutch**: when engaged, cannot be disengaged until machine has completed a single cycle

**Part revolution clutch**: may be engaged or disengaged during the machine cycle

**Counterbalance**: means to provide balance of reciprocating mass

**Foot control**: also foot pedal, foot treadle, foot treadle bar, pedal

**In-running nip point**: location where part of body could be drawn in and injured (i.e. between rotating machine members) also: in-going nip point

**Ram**: machine member that reciprocates linearly. Also: slide

**Safety pin**: prevents movement of machine of machine part

**Trip**: initiation of a machine cycle

## Frequently Asked Questions

**If I follow the ANSI B11.0 2015 standard, do I automatically comply with ISO 12100?**
Yes

**If I follow the ISO 12100 standard, so I automatically comply with ANSI B11.0 2015?**
No. In principle it is harmonized with ISO 12100 but yet B11.0 has added information.
B11.0 differences: includes requirements for both supplier and end user, additional guidance, and existing machines

**Can I use this standard if I have a portable hand machine?**
No

**Do acceptable safeguarding devices include personal protective equipment (PPE)?**
No because a safe guarding device is something that detects or prevents inadvertent access to the hazard. Refer to ANSI B11.19. (PPE should be used in conjunction with other risk reduction measures or when no other control method is available or feasible.)

**Where can end users get more information about using design to reduce / eliminate hazards?**
ANSI B11.TR7

**Can hazards be completely eliminated?**
No machine can be completely safe. Through a risk assessment, want to reduce hazards to an acceptable level. Do this by understanding risks and looking at probability of occurrence.

**How should hazards be identified?**
Hazard identification should be conducted with all risk reduction measures (including safeguarding and specialized training) conceptually removed.

**When will the update for this standard be released?**
Expected to available mid to late 2015.

**When does the standard go into effect?**
30 months after the standard is released. It is preferred to be used as soon as it is released. ANSI standards have a long transition time to allow manufactures time to complete existing designs without making significant and costly modifications.

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