Training Course on Machine Guarding and Safety Interlocks

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Occupational Health	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the principles of machine safeguarding and interlocking systems.
2. Identify different types of guards and safety interlocks used in industrial settings.
3. Analyze real-world accidents to prevent future workplace injuries.
4. Learn about lockout/tagout (LOTO) and control system integration.
5. Ensure compliance with OSHA 1910.212 and ISO 13849 safety standards.
6. Explore how automated safety systems reduce human error.
7. Evaluate the risk assessment process for machinery.
8. Master electrical and mechanical interlocking systems.
9. Develop safety audit checklists for regulatory compliance.
10. Understand the role of Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) in safety.
11. Interpret machine guarding schematics and control diagrams.
12. Implement fail-safe and redundancy systems for critical machinery.
13. Promote a culture of proactive safety awareness in the workplace.

Target Audience

1. Safety Officers
2. Mechanical Engineers
3. Maintenance Technicians
4. Plant Supervisors
5. Electrical Engineers
6. Compliance Managers
7. Industrial Operators
8. HSE (Health, Safety & Environment) Managers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Machine Guarding

- Types and purposes of machine guards
- OSHA machine guarding regulations
- Point-of-operation hazard identification
- Adjustability vs. fixed guards
- Risk zones and exposure control
- **Case Study:** Conveyor belt accident due to missing guard

Module 2: Safety Interlocks and Controls

- Overview of safety interlock systems
- Mechanical vs. electrical interlocks
- Bypassing interlocks and consequences
- Safety switch types and functions
- Integration into control systems
- **Case Study:** Robotic arm incident from interlock failure

Module 3: Regulatory Compliance and Standards

- OSHA 1910.212 requirements
- ISO 13849 and IEC 62061 standards
- ANSI B11 series for machinery safety
- Documentation and record-keeping
- Legal implications of non-compliance
- **Case Study:** Company fined $200K for lack of machine guards

Module 4: Risk Assessment and Hazard Control

- Performing machine risk assessments
- Hazard identification tools (JSA, HAZOP)
- Hierarchy of hazard controls
- Estimating severity and probability
- Control reliability metrics
- **Case Study:** Forklift maintenance injury prevention

Module 5: Advanced Guarding Technologies

- Presence-sensing devices (light curtains, lasers)
- Two-hand controls and pressure-sensitive mats
- Programmable safety controllers
- Guard locking devices with solenoids
- Interlock delay and time-based systems
- **Case Study:** Hand crush injury averted using light curtain

Module 6: Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) Integration

- Principles of LOTO procedures
- Energy source identification
- Lockout devices and tag systems
- Group LOTO coordination
- Restart protocols and verification
- **Case Study:** Fatality avoided during electrical servicing

Module 7: Safety System Design and Maintenance

- Safety lifecycle management
- Design for maintainability and safety
- PLC programming for safety functions
- Regular inspection and testing protocols
- Common failure points and diagnostics
- **Case Study:** Gearbox damage due to overlooked interlock system

Module 8: Building a Safety Culture

- Behavior-based safety programs
- Safety leadership and accountability
- Reporting and investigating near-misses
- Continuous safety training initiatives
- Safety incentive and feedback systems
- **Case Study:** Cultural shift after a near-fatal incident

Training Methodology

- Interactive instructor-led sessions with demonstrations
- Real-world case studies and group discussions

- Hands-on exercises using demo machinery
- Compliance checklists and risk assessments
- Post-training evaluations and certification

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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