# Student worksheet - Mechanical equipment safety

## Key messages

* Mechanical equipment injuries can cause long periods of time off work, and sometimes permanent disability.
* Work experience students must be supervised at all times by a qualified worker.
* Safety guards, 'Locking out' equipment, 'Danger' and 'Out of Service' tags are important safety measures used protect workers in the workplace.

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## Activity 1: What do I need to know about mechanical equipment safety?

Work experience provides you with an opportunity to observe how workers in the workplace use mechanical equipment safely.

Consider the job list below.

* What type of mechanical equipment would you observe in the workplace for each job?
* What safety feature would you expect to see in place to protect workers?

Choose from:

* Out of Order sign
* Danger sign
* Safety guard
* Locking out feature
* Out of Service.

**Hint:** *A carpenter uses a* ***safety guard*** *on a timber saw to cut timber to the right size.*

**Need help?** Use [myfuture](https://myfuture.edu.au/) to look up what type of mechanical equipment these workers might use in their jobs.

Follow the example below:

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| Job | Mechanical Equipment | Safety Feature |
| 1. Butcher | Boning machine |  |
| 1. Carpenter |  |  |
| 1. Engineer |  |  |
| 1. Farmer |  | Safety guard |
| 1. Sales assistant in supermarket deli |  | Locking out |
| 1. Bricklayer | Cement mixer |  |
| 1. Forklift driver |  | Danger sign |
| 1. Maintenance Technician | Faulty elevator |  |
| 1. Automotive mechanic | Car lifting machine |  |
| 1. Office worker | Photocopier |  |
| 1. Cleaner in a hospital | Vacuum cleaner |  |
| 1. Chef in a large kitchen |  | Safety guard |

## Activity 2: Know the Rules

Work with a classmate, teacher, friend, parent or carer and watch the ‘*Know the rules’* video.

Draw, make a short video clip or a poster to promote this key message:

*How to Use Mechanical Equipment Safely*

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