

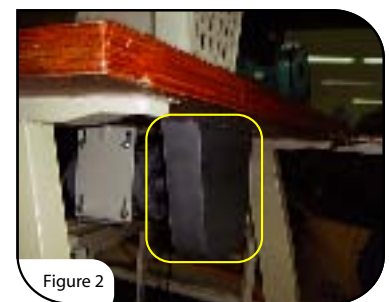
# Good Practices

## Machine Safety: Safety Guards

Machines in garment factories need to have safety guards in order to prevent serious injuries to workers. In particular, make sure that sewing machines have needle guards and belt guards installed.

### **Good practices for machine guarding**

- Make sure that all machines have appropriate safety guards installed (Figures 1 & 2).
- Make improvised guards for any machines which do not come with guards.
- Needle guards must be well maintained and replaced regularly to deter workers from removing them (Figure 3).
- Regularly provide workers with training on machine handling and good safety practices.
- Ensure that workers are aware how dangerous unguarded machines can be.



### **Benefits:**

- ✓ Reduces accidents and associated costs
- ✓ Increases productivity because fewer accidents means less lost production time
- ✓ Enhances awareness of workplace safety
- ✓ May improve work satisfaction and workplace performance

### **How:**

- ✓ Workshop staff can use metal sheets (or clear hard plastic sheets) to build safety guards
- ✓ Implement an on-going safety training program for all workers

### **Cost:**

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\$ Low cost

\$\$ Moderate cost

\$\$\$ High cost