

CONVEYOR BELT

Expert Investigates Conveyor Belt Injury

A five year old boy was injured by a carousel conveyor in a retail store. He was at the store with his parents when he placed one of his toys on top of a moving conveyor display. His toy fell from the moving conveyor to the floor. The boy bent down to pick up the toy and as he stood up, he raised his hand and it become entrapped and injured within the unguarded moving parts of the conveyor.

Our expert concluded that the conveyor was not adequately guarded and unnecessarily exposed the boy to hazardous moving parts. Additionally, it was concluded that the conveyor did not comply with applicable national standards and industry guidelines in effect at the time the conveyor was manufactured. Our expert substantiated that adequate safeguards were feasible, would not defeat the utility of the machine, and would not impose a significant cost penalty upon the manufacturer.

This case resolved favorably for our client.

Featured Expert: Harold Ehrlich

Harry has worked as an Industrial Engineer since 1978. He has been responsible for the design and manufacture of consumer products, as well as commercial and industrial equipment. Harry provides technical investigations, analysis, reports, and testimony toward the resolution of litigation involving product liability, and mechanical, industrial and construction accidents.

Harry has extensive experience in the area of compliance with safety standards; he has worked closely with Underwriters Laboratories, Canadian Standards Association, as well as overseas safety agencies. Harry has been responsible for product development, product testing, Quality Control, as well as factory floor safety. He has a broad background in machine guarding, industrial safeguards, personal protective equipment, training, and supervision.

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