JOB SAFETY ANALYSIS

Safety Information for the University of California, Berkeley

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING OPERATING A FOOT-OPERATED SHEAR

	Task		HAZARDS		Controls
1.	Assess work area; is it clear of obstructions and slip/trip/fall hazards?	•	Slip, trip, or fall	•	Clear work area of any obstructions or slip/trip/fall hazards
2.	Align material to fence and blade	•	Lacerations to fingers/hands on material Pinching hazards for hands/fingers	•	Deburr material before handling, do not slide hand along edges, wear leather gloves if necessary Keep hands and fingers away from pinch points
3.	Depress foot treadle	•	Pinching hazards for leg and foot Muscle strain Pinching hazards for hands/fingers Lacerations to fingers/hands on blade Shattering material may cause damage to eyes	•	Keep leg and foot free from support arms Position body to maintain balance, maximize use of legs to avoid twisting Keep hands/fingers away from finger guards and material holddowns Keep hands/fingers well behind the cutting blade Always wear safety glasses when operating equipment
4.	Retrieve material	•	Lacerations to fingers/hands from material	•	Be aware of fresh sharp edges, deburr material, do not slide hand along edges, wear gloves if necessary

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	Required Training: Student Shop Safety Training Program Must complete additional training under guidance of a qualified Student Shop Laboratory Mechanician	Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Leather gloves, safety glasses
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