

CLOVER SAFE #50

SHEAR AND CUTTING POINT HAZARDS



Combine Sickle Bar Cutting Point

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When two mechanical parts move close enough together to process crop material such as in a grain auger, a shear point hazard is created. Similarly, when a mechanical part moves rapidly or forcefully enough to cut plant material such as wheat, a cutting point is created. Agricultural equipment and machinery often have shear or cutting point hazards including sickle bars, rotary blades, flail blades, and auger blades.

Prevention of shear and cutting point injuries requires paying close attention while operating or being in the vicinity of operating agriculture equipment and machinery. For additional information about shear and cutting point safety, go to the Clover Safe note at: <http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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