

**WAC 296-78-675 Lath mills.** (1) Lath mills must be so arranged that stock pickers must be protected from slabs and blocks from slash-er and trimmers.

(2) Bolters and lath machines must be provided with a wall or shield of not less than two inch wood material or equivalent, constructed in front of the machines, to protect stock pickers and passing employees from kickbacks.

(3) Lath bolters and lath mills must have all feed rolls, belts, gears and moving parts provided with approved guards. Feed chains must be guarded to as low a point as the maximum height of the stock will permit.

(4) Lath bolters and lath mill saws must be provided with a sheet metal guard not less than one-eighth inch thick, or a cast iron guard not less than three-sixteenths inch thick, or equivalent. These hoods may be hinged so that they can be turned back to permit changing of the saws.

(5) A metal plate baffle, finger device or other device, must be installed to prevent kickbacks.

(6) The feed rolls on bolters or lath mills must not be raised while any employee is in line with the saws.

(7) The stock must be pushed through the saws with another piece of stock or push stick.

(8) The lath trimmer must be provided with guards on the ends, the top and the rear so designed as to contain debris and prevent employee contact with the saw. The belt drive must be provided with guards as required by WAC 296-78-710.

(9) The entire top half of all trimmer saws must be provided with guards. The guards must be so adjusted as to prevent employees from accidentally contacting saws.

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