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Part 1601: Design of controls, interlocks and guarding—Guards— General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards

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PREFACE

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The objective of this Standard is to specify general requirements for the design and construction of guards provided primarily to protect persons from mechanical hazards. Attention is drawn to the use of guards to minimize exposure to non-mechanical hazards. The requirements are applicable if fixed and moveable guards are used.

This Standard does not cover those parts of guards which actuate interlocking devices. These are covered in AS/NZS 4024.1602. This Standard does not provide requirements for special systems relating specifically to mobility or the ability to lift loads like rollover protective structures (ROPS) and falling-object protective structures (FOPS).

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