

Machine safety gets traction at IAPA show

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In conjunction with the launch, Safermachines.com and Canadian Occupational Safety conducted a survey to get our readers' views about machine guarding systems. More than 200 respondents participated in the survey.

According to survey results, lockout/tag out systems, perimeter access guards and safety barriers are the most commonly used types of machine safeguarding systems in the workplace.

More than 60 per cent of the respondents said their firm plans to purchase machine safety technologies within the next six months.

In appreciation of their time and effort, survey respondents were given a chance to enter a draw for an Apple iPod Touch. The winner was drawn at the MASC pavilion on April 22nd.

Craig Journeay, junior HSE advisor at Irving Shipbuilding Inc. in Halifax, was the winner of the iPod draw. Congratulations!