

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Serious cuts and amputation from contact with sharp blade



Electric shock or burns from incorrect use or damaged/faulty equipment



Crush injuries, bruises and abrasions as a result of entanglement

What other precautions should be taken?



You must be trained and at least 18 or older to dismantle and clean a bread slicer



Visually inspect equipment and cables for any damage or defects, such as burn marks or frayed cables before use.

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Use of bread slicing machines

Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

Safe System of Work

1. Make sure equipment is positioned on a flat stable surface, with adequate workspace and lighting, and that all operating and isolating switches can be easily accessed.
2. Keep clothing and cloths away from moving machine parts so that they cannot become entangled and drawn into the machine.
3. Check the guards are in position and that safety interlocks are in good working order. If not, do not use the slicer and report it to your manager.
4. Where bread slicing machines operate by closing a hinged cover to start the machine, the cover must be fitted with an interlock device that will only allow the machine to start when the cover is fully closed.
5. The bread slicing machine must be sited where the interlocked hinged cover cannot be accidentally closed by knocking into it or by pushing the machine against a fixed object or wall.
6. Where bread slicing machines are sited on a wheeled trolley or wheeled stand the wheels must be the locked to prevent the machine from moving when in use. The machine must be isolated from the electricity supply before releasing the wheel lock to move the machine and trolley or stand.
7. The size and shape of bread to be sliced must be suitable for the machine.
7. Bread slicing machines must not be used for any purpose other than for slicing bread.
8. The machine must be isolated from the electricity supply before attempting to clear any blockage or

If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.

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List any additional hazards or risks you have identified, and control measures required to manage these.