



## MSHA's Accident Prevention Program Safety Idea

**SAFETY  
IS A  
VALUE!**

### **Conveyor Safety Features Should Not Be Options**

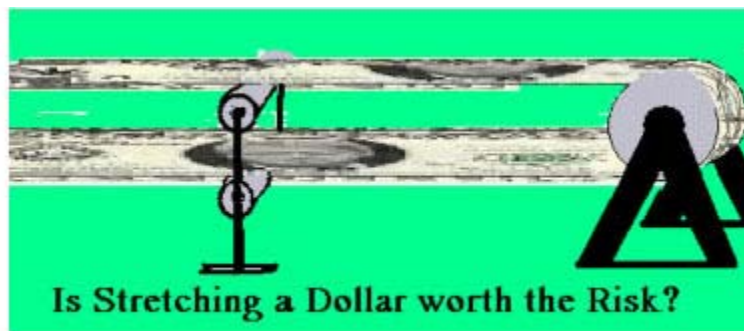
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When buying a conveyor system, don't try to get a lower price by eliminating safety features. Fatalities have occurred when safety features were not used along conveyor belts. Compare systems with all standard safety features manufacturers have to offer.

According to conveyor manufacturers, features commonly deleted from systems to "save" money are:

- Pull cords along the conveyor
- Stop buttons at critical locations
- Backstops (roll-back protection)
- Start-up warning systems (audible and visual)
- Lockout devices
- and, amazingly, guards!



When compared to the overall cost of a conveyor system, these important features are a small portion of the total cost and should be considered an investment. Such features are vital in protecting workers from inadvertent contact with conveyor belts.

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**Remember - Safety is a Value that you can LIVE with!**