OSHA CROSSTELL 19-06

AFSAS OSHA EVENT # 5249 / OSHA Inspection # 1383428
Wright-Patterson AFB (AFMC) | OSHA Region: 5
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BLUF: Worker exposed to unguarded motor drive belts that resulted in injury.

Severity of Notice: Serious (Machine Guarding)
CFR Violated: 29 CFR 1910.219(e)(3)(i): Vertical and inclined belts shall be enclosed by a guard conforming to standards in paragraphs (m) and (o) of this section.

Lessons Learned: Exposure to unguarded machinery can happen anywhere. Supervisors must ensure that workers do not attempt to do work while exposed. All unguarded machinery needs to be shut down and Hazardous Energy Controls put in place prior to work. Install guards were found to be lacking to prevent future exposures.

Preventing Reoccurrences: Share this information with applicable unit Commanders, shop supervisors, unit safety representatives and workers for awareness. Any personnel that know of exposures to unguarded machines must ensure that the concern is brought up to your chain-of-command and immediate action taken to correct.