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**Foreword** (This foreword is not part of the requirements of American National Standard B11.10-2003 (R2020)).

The primary objective of this standard is to eliminate or control hazards to personnel associated with metal sawing machines by establishing requirements for the construction, operation and maintenance of these machines. To accomplish this objective, responsibilities have been assigned to the supplier (e.g., manufacturer, rebuilder, modifier, installer, integrator), the user, and personnel in the working environment.

Metal sawing machines and associated equipment technologies are continuously evolving. This standard reflects the most commonly used and time-tested state of the art at the time of its approval. The inclusion or omission of language relative to any evolving technology, either in the requirements or explanatory area of this standard, in no way infers acceptance or rejection of such technologies.

The words "safe" and "safety" are not absolutes. Safety begins with good design. While the goal of this standard is to eliminate injuries, it is recognized that risk factors cannot be practically reduced to zero in any human activity. This standard is not intended to replace good judgment and personal responsibility. Operator skill, attitude, training, job monotony, fatigue and experience are safety factors that must be considered by the user.

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This Subcommittee recommends that suppliers complete and implement design changes within 30 months of the approval of this standard.

For existing or modified machines, users should confirm that the equipment / process has tolerable risk using generally recognized risk assessment methods. If the risk assessment shows that modification(s) is necessary, refer to the requirements of this standard to implement protective measures for appropriate risk reduction.

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The standard uses a two-column format to provide supporting information for requirements. The material in the left column is confined to “Standards Requirements” only, and is so captioned. The right column, captioned “Explanatory Information” contains information that the writing Subcommittee felt would clarify the standard. This column should not be construed as being a part of this American National Standard.

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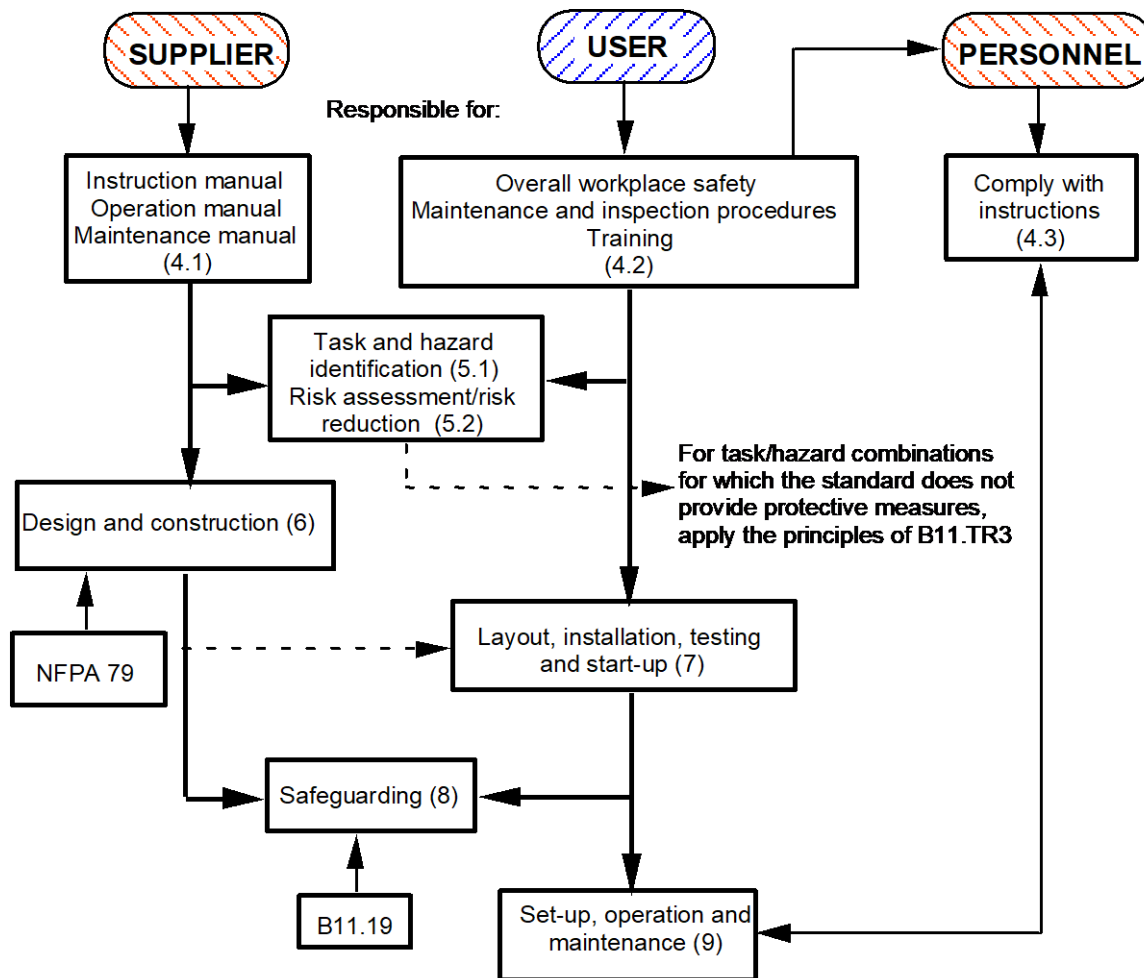
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## Introduction

The primary purpose of every machine tool is to process parts. This is accomplished by the machine imparting process energy onto the workpiece. It is during this interaction between the machine and the workpiece where inadvertent interference with, or accidental misdirection of the released process energy can potentially cause injury. Hazards exist that may result in injury during production, maintenance, commissioning and de-commissioning.

The purpose of the ANSI B11 series machine tool safety standards is to devise and propose ways to minimize risks of the potential safety hazards. This can be accomplished either by an appropriate machine design, by restricting personnel or other individuals' access to hazard areas, and by devising work procedures to minimize personnel exposure to hazardous situations. This is the essence of the ANSI B11 safety standards.

The responsibility for the alleviation of these risks is divided between the equipment supplier, the equipment user and its operating personnel, as follows (numbers in parentheses refer to the clause numbers in these standards which address that responsibility):





*American National Standard for Machine Tools –  
Safety Requirements for Metal Sawing Machines  
with or without Automatic Control*

**STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS**

**EXPLANATORY INFORMATION**

(Not part of the requirements of this American National Standard for Machine Tools – Safety requirements for Metal Sawing Machines (ANSI B11.10 – 2003 (R2020))

**1 Scope**

**1.1 General**

This American National Standard specifies safety requirements for the design, construction, modification, operation and maintenance (including installation, dismantling and transport) of a general class of stationary machine tools that use a saw blade (tool) to cut off or change the shape of the workpiece.

This standard also applies to ancillary devices integrated into the machine (e.g., part handling mechanisms, chip handling systems).

**1.2 Sawing machines included**

Sawing machines included in this standard use toothed blades and include circular saws, bandsaws and hacksaws.

**1.2.1 General description**

Machines of this general class are capable of moving a saw blade across a workpiece surface, causing a cutting action and relative feeding motion between blade and workpiece, as metal is removed in such a manner as to cause the workpiece to be parted, slotted, or to change its shape.

NOTE – Friction cutting of metal could be performed with most of the described types of band and circular metal sawing machines and is part of this standard.

**1.2.2 Band sawing machines**

Sawing machines of this general class utilize a band saw blade traveling over the rims or periphery of two or more band wheels, one or more of which is power driven, and produce a cutting action on a workpiece by applying the cutting edge of the band saw blade to the workpiece.

**1.2.2.1 Horizontal band saw**

A sawing machine of this class consists of a head assembly that carries the band wheels and the band saw blade, and is mounted on a work support table. Cutting action is produced by a downward motion of the head and is in a vertical plane, owing to twisting of the band saw blade through guides.

**E1.1**

NOTE - For purposes of this standard, the terms *machine* and *machine tool* refer to metal sawing machines.

**E1.2**

These sawing machines include a variety of configurations, e.g., horizontal, vertical, chop, swing and angular.