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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 199, *Safety of machinery*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14119:1998), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates Amendment ISO 14119:1998/Amd 1:2007. The main changes from the previous edition comprise

- an improved structure as a result of the differentiation and definition of four types of interlocking devices,
- a description of their technology and their typical characteristics in annexes,
- “defeat in a reasonably foreseeable manner” defined and considered,
- the measures required to minimize defeat possibilities, and
- the consideration of new technologies and the addition of informative [Annexes G, H and I](#).

## Introduction

The structure of safety standards in the field of machinery is as follows:

- a) Type-A standards (basic safety standards) giving basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to all machinery;
- b) Type-B standards (generic safety standards) dealing with one safety aspect or one type of safeguard that can be used across a wide range of machinery:
  - Type-B1 standards on particular safety aspects (e.g. safety distances, surface temperature, noise);
  - Type-B2 standards on safeguards (e.g. two-hand controls, interlocking devices, pressure-sensitive devices, guards);
- c) Type-C standards (machine safety standards) dealing with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

This document is a type-B2 standard as stated in ISO 12100.

The requirements of this document can be supplemented or modified by a type-C standard.

For machines which are covered by the scope of a type-C standard and which have been designed and built according to the requirements of that standard, the requirements of that type-C standard take precedence.

This International Standard has been prepared to give guidance to machinery designers and writers of product safety standards on how to design and select interlocking devices associated with guards.

Relevant clauses of this International Standard, used alone or in conjunction with provisions from other standards, may be used as a basis for verification procedures for the suitability of a device for interlocking duties.

The informative [Annexes A](#) to [F](#) describe the technology and the typical characteristics of the defined 4 types of interlocking devices. Other solutions may be adopted, provided that they comply with the principles of this standard. The informative [Annexes G](#) to [I](#) give information on particular aspects like interlocking devices used within safety functions, risk assessment considering the motivation to defeat and static action forces. ISO/TR 24119 is under preparation and will give information on the masking of faults in series connection of interlocking devices.