M.W. Watermark filter presses can be equipped with a safety trip wire. The safety trip wire is an emergency stop safety device that can be used by the operator to interrupt the opening and closing of the filter press. The trip wire is made of vinyl coated galvanized wire and is connected to a spring loaded pull switch. When the trip wire is pulled by an operator, movement of the follower is stopped. The trip wire reset switch is located on the trip wire housing. The trip wires are mounted on both sides of the press to each leg of the press and extend the length of the filter press.