

SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Hand Protection
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with hand protection
APPLICATION	No person shall perform a task or duty until they are fully aware of the potential hazards and the precautions associated
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Safe work procedure PPE: as per company policy
SELECTION AND USE	Manufacturer's specifications As per safe work procedure
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	To facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements and training
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hand protection is designed to protect hands against a wide variety of hazards. The protection can be provided in a number of different ways; barrier creams, finger guards cots and thimbles, hand pads, mitts and gloves 2. Choose hand protection that adequately protect from the hazard 3. Do not wear gloves with metal parts near electrical equipment 4. Do not use worn or torn gloves 5. Do not wear gloves while working on moving equipment they can become caught 6. Wash off all chemical- protective gloves with water before removing them 7. Inspect and test gloves for defects before using 8. Follow manufacturer's instructions for care and maintenance of gloves 9. Ensure gloves fit properly 10. Ensure all exposed skin is covered by gloves. Gloves should be long enough so that there is no gap between the glove and sleeve 11. Test all rubber or synthetic gloves for leaks by inflating them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hold cuffs with thumbs inside, stretch cuff slightly - squeeze inflated portion of glove with left hand, causing rubber to dislend and magnify and defect - swing glove outward and over towards the face, two or three times, trapping air inside - if large numbers need testing use a compressed air jig - double roll cuff over and grip with right hand
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