



## TOOLBOX TALKS

### #2 GLOVE SELECTION AND USE

#### BACKGROUND

Gloves provide important protection. It's essential to choose the correct gloves for the task. There are many types to choose from and using the correct type will help prevent injury.

#### WORK ACTIVITY

The following chart is a general guide for glove selection. Additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) may be required to perform job tasks safely. Check Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for manufacturer PPE recommendations when handling controlled products and reference safe work procedures for a full list of PPE to use for specific job tasks.

JOB TASK	HAZARD	GLOVE TYPE
Material handling	Pinch point, friction (blisters) OR slippery, oily materials	Leather or fabric (work gloves) OR mechanics (grippy) gloves
Pesticide, herbicide, crop protection mixing and application	Chemical burns, contamination	Chemical-resistant (latex or nitrile)
Welding & hot work	Burns	Leather long-cuff welding or heat-resistant
Administering medicines	Contamination, absorption	Disposable latex or nitrile
Electrical work	Electrical shock	Linesman or rubber insulating
Cold weather work	Frostbite	Lined, insulated gloves
Knife use or handling sharp edged materials	Cuts, scrapes, abrasions	Cut-resistant gloves



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#### TALK LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

This is background information ONLY. Be sure to customize your talk to your operation and facilities.

- ✓ Print copies of this sheet for yourself and each of the workers.
- ✓ Lead a discussion with your workers about the materials on this sheet at a location that is appropriate to the topic. Be sure to give real life examples whenever possible. Ask your workers for their experiences.
- ✓ Be open to questions.
- ✓ Conclude with a brief review of the main points or a summary based on the discussion.
- ✓ Fill in your operation name, location and the date on your sheet. Have each worker sign your sheet to confirm their attendance.
- ✓ File your sheet in your worker training records to document the training experience.

## KEY POINTS:

### GLOVE TIPS

**GLOVE USE:** Use the gloves according to the manufacturer instructions and intended use.

**GLOVE MAINTENANCE:** Discard disposable gloves after use. Wash non-disposable latex or nitrile gloves with warm water and soap after use. Clean or scrape mud and debris from fabric and leather gloves after use.

**GLOVE REMOVAL:** (In the case of latex or nitrile gloves) Once clean, pinch the outside of the cuff of the first glove (either one) and carefully roll and invert it towards the fingertips until you are able to remove your hand.

Next, pinch the inner cuff of the second glove and carefully roll and invert it towards the fingertips until you are able to remove your hand. This technique will help to ensure that you do not contaminate the inside of the gloves. Wash hands after using gloves.

**STORAGE:** Dry gloves inside and out after use. Store them at room temperature in a dry and clean place away from airborne contaminants. (Airborne contaminants can compromise the effectiveness of the gloves.)

When gloves become worn, it's time to retire them and purchase a new pair.

## COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS

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