

Safety First...it's the right thing to do!



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Hand Safety

Hand injuries account for 80 percent of all occupational injuries. This is because the hands are used in almost all activities on the job. Hands provide us with the dexterity needed to perform most daily activities. Hands can perform many intricate functions more than any single known tool developed by man.

No wonder hands are highly useful on our jobs. There are many dangerous conditions on the job to which the hand is always exposed. Sharp edges, pinch points, protruding objects, splinters, exposed blades on unguarded machinery and many more. The following checklist is to help you identify the hand hazards in your work area.

Hand Protection Checklist

- Be alert to potential hand hazards.
- Watch for unguarded pinch points.
- Do not remove guards.
- Use brushes or rags to wipe away debris.
- Inspect equipment before use to make sure that it is in good operating condition.
- Disconnect power before replacing blades or bits.
- Never wear gloves, jewelry, or loose clothing around rotating equipment.
- Use the appropriate PPE for the specific task you are performing.
- Be sure gloves fit properly and are rated for the specific task you are performing.

Remember, the company and your family are counting on you!

OSHA Hand Protection Requirements:

Employers shall select and require employees to use appropriate hand protection when employees' hands are exposed to hazards such as those from skin absorption of harmful substances; severe cuts or lacerations; severe abrasions; punctures; chemical burns; thermal burns; and harmful temperature extremes.

