

# Hand Safety and Gloves

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**THE HAZARD**

Hands take a large share of construction injuries because they are in the work, not near it. Cold makes it worse by cutting grip strength and sensation before you notice either one going.

**WHAT GOES WRONG**

- One pair of general-purpose gloves used for cutting, handling hot material and chemical work alike.
- Gloves taken off for the fiddly part of the job, which is usually the part that cuts you.
- Hands used as a clamp, a hammer or a way to clear a jam with the tool still powered.
- Loose gloves worn near rotating equipment, where the glove pulls the hand in.

**CONTROLS: BEFORE YOU START**

- Match the glove to the task: cut resistance, heat, chemical, impact, grip in the wet.
- Inspect gloves for holes, wear and contamination before you put them on.
- Isolate and de-energize before clearing any jam. Never use a hand as the tool.
- Keep hands out of pinch points, and set loads down so nothing has to hold them.
- Never wear loose gloves around rotating parts, and remove rings for the same reason.

**ASK THE CREW**

1. Which tools are in use this month, and which glove suits each of them?
2. Where on this job is someone reaching into a pinch point today?
3. Who is wearing the wrong glove for what they are about to do?
4. What is the last hand injury anyone here saw, and what caused it?

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Everyone present signs below. This sheet is the record of the talk.

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