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## HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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### ***Hand Safety***

Protecting your hands can be a full time job. Your hands are involved in almost every single task they perform, from moving materials & working with equipment. Your hands are one of the most important tools you will need on the job and protecting them is very important. Use your knowledge of PPE and equipment safety to help them keep their hands safe.

#### **Personal Protective Equipment**

- Leather Gloves for rough product handling
- Electrical Gloves for all electrical work
- Chemical Gloves – for acids, corrosives, etc.
- Medical Gloves – for first aid
- Cut Resistant Gloves – for sharp tools, knives
- Thermal Gloves – for hot and cold handling

#### **Work Area Safety Check**

- Ensure machine guards are in place
- Guard areas that have pinch or shear points
- Place protection on all sharp edges

#### **Pre-Use Safety Check**

- Use the proper glove for the task
- Never wear rings & bracelets while working
- Don't wear gloves if they can be caught in machinery
- Check gloves for wear and damage

#### **Operational Safety**

- Never place hands in machinery
- LOTO before adjusting equipment
- Know the hazards of chemicals
- Wash hands after using chemicals
- Store gloves properly to prevent damage

### **Safe Hand Practices:**

- Always be aware of your surroundings and remove yourself from the line of fire.
- Identify and bring awareness to pinch points.
- Use the buddy system and speak up if you see a potential hand injury.
- Make sure your PPE fits and is right for the job. WEAR IT!
- Don't wear any jewelry on the job.
- Don't use any faulty equipment or broken tools. Make sure these tools are taken out of service.
- Avoid human error and becoming too comfortable in your position. Complacency can lead to hand injury.
- If you know where your hands are at all times, they are less likely to be injured.

***Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline  
1-855-543-5163.***

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