

SAFETY TAILGATE MEETING

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PPE - HAND PROTECTION

INTRODUCTION

Our hands are amazing tools of precision. With them we can hammer a nail, turn a screwdriver and building structures. Because of their value, we want to protect our hands, including our fingers.

Group Discusssion:

Have you every experienced or seen a serious hand injury? What happened? Why did it happen? What can we learn from it?



In this meeting, we will discuss:

- (1) DANGERS TO OUR HANDS
- (2) TYPES OF GLOVES
- (3) OTHER SAFE PRACTICES

DANGERS TO OUR HANDS

Dangers to our hands include:

- Lacerations
- Crushing
- Burns
- Chemicals
- Contusions
- Amputations
- Sprains & Strains
- Vibrations
- Punctures
- Severe Abrasions
- Thermal

Which of these hazards do we face performing our work?

TYPES OF GLOVES

- All Purpose
- Leather
- Chemical Resistant
- Heat Resistant
- Cut Resistant
- Latex
- Specialty (For example: Welding Gloves, Working with High Voltage, etc.)

It is important to choose the correct glove for a particular task and ensure it is the correct size.

Group Exercise: Try buttoning your shirt without your thumbs!

We may think gloves are uncomfortable. However, we must protect our hands! If we cannot eliminate a hazard to our hands, we must wear gloves in a safe manner.

OTHER SAFE PRACTICES

We can take additional precautions to protect our hands by:

- Avoid putting hands in places you cannot see.
- Keep equipment guards in place.
- Keep hands a safe distance away from pinch points and blades.
- Do not wear gloves, if doing so may pose a greater risk, such as getting entangled in a piece of equipment.

Group Discussion:

- What types of gloves do we use for our work?
- Are there any instances when gloves should not be worn without work?
- Are there any questions?

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