

Training Module: Protective Gloves

Objective: To be able to choose what type of gloves are needed for the job, if any at all.

Trainer's Note: Many jobs on the farm or ranch require the use of gloves. Display various type of gloves during the session and discuss their proper use. It is as important to discuss when NOT to use gloves as it is to discuss the use of gloves.

Background

Gloves can protect hands and forearms from cuts, abrasions, burns, puncture wounds, skin contact with hazardous chemicals and some electrical shocks.

Not every job requires gloves. In some cases it may be dangerous to wear gloves. Never wear gloves while working with or around moving machinery, such as mills or lathes. If the glove got caught in the machinery it could pull the hand and arm in, causing amputation.



Choosing Protective Gloves: Gloves are made of a variety of materials. It is important to know what kind of protection each glove type can offer. Using the wrong glove can cause injury. Cotton gloves could absorb dangerous chemical causing the skin to burn. Using the correct glove reduces hazards in the work place. It is the employer's responsibility to determine how long gloves can be worn and if they are reusable. However, the employee should inform the employer if they that feel their gloves should be replaced.

| TYPE OF GLOVE | LEVEL OF PROTECTION |
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| Metal Mesh & Kevlar Knit | Prevents cuts from sharp objects. |
| Leather | Protects against rough objects, chips, sparks, and moderate heat. |
| Cotton Fabric | Protects against dirt, splinters, and abrasions. Helps grip slippery objects. Do not use when working with rough, sharp, or heavy materials. |
| Rubber, Neoprene, Vinyl | Protects from chemicals. Check chemical package for specific instructions. |

Review The Following Points

- Choose the right glove for the job.
- In some situations using gloves can be dangerous.
- Check with specific recommendations for the type of glove to use when working with chemicals.

True or False Answer Key
 1. T, 2. T, 3. T, 4. T, 5. T

Protective Gloves Quiz

True or False

Name _____

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| 1. Use a neoprene, vinyl or rubber gloves when working with chemicals. | T | F |
| 2. Leather gloves protect hands from rough objects, chips, sparks and moderate heat. | T | F |
| 3. Metal mesh or Kevlar knit gloves protect against cuts from knives or other sharp objects. | T | F |
| 4. Not every job requires the use of gloves. | T | F |
| 5. Cotton fabric gloves protect against dirt, splinters, slippery objects or abrasions. | T | F |