

# Getting a Hand on safety Picture This

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## Hand Injury Facts & Stats

Hand injuries are the second leading cause of work-related injury.

 **110,000** recorded lost-time hand injuries occur each year. The Bureau of Labor Statistics cited more than 140,000 total hand injuries in 2012, with an incidence rate of 13.6 per 10,000 full-time workers.

 **6 days** The average time missed from work due to a reported hand injury.

 **\$6,000** The average claim amount of a hand injury. Each lost-time workers' compensation claim reaches nearly \$7,500.

 **60%** The amount that the risk of hand injury is reduced by wearing gloves. Based on this percentage, approximately 84,000 of the 140,000 hand injuries in 2012 could have been easily averted.

 **70%** of workers who experience hand injuries are not wearing gloves at the time of the incident. The remaining 30% of injured workers did wear gloves, but they experienced injuries because the gloves were inadequate, damaged or the wrong type for the type of hazard present.

Gloves Source: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

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