

Hand Protection

This section addresses the hazards and personal protective equipment specific to hands/fingers.

General

Hand protection refers to PPE specific the elbow region and below (ex, gloves, arm coverings, finger guards etc). According to OSHA regulations, an employer is responsible for selecting and mandating the use of proper hand protection for their employees. Employers are required to assess the work area to determine potential hazards and risks of hand injury. If a hazard is found, employers must also require hand protection. It is also encouraged to provide an additional level of protection greater than needed.

Hazards that Warrant Hand Protection

- Contact with harmful substances
- Serious cuts
- Serious abrasions
- Punctures
- Chemical burns
- Thermal burns
- Extreme temperatures

Types of Protections

- Fabric or coated fabric
- Leather, canvas, or metal mesh
- Chemical-resistant
- Insulated rubber

For further information please contact OSHA at 800-321-6742 or visit [OSHA.gov](https://www.osha.gov)