



# SAFETY BRIEF

## HAND HAZARDS

Your hands are vital to completing nearly any task at your job site, so it's important to take extra precautions to keep them safe.

### SAFETY TIPS

- Be aware of the possible hazards you may encounter
- Use machine guards, push sticks and other safety devices designed for the equipment you're using
- Regularly inspect the equipment for any damages
- Always follow proper lockout/tagout procedures when servicing equipment
- Select the correct gloves for the task you are performing and make sure they fit properly
- Do not wear jewelry or loose clothing when operating machinery
- Don't put your hands or fingers near moving equipment parts

### 4 TYPES OF GLOVES

Protect yourself from hand hazards by wearing the right glove for the work you're doing.

1. **Leather, canvas or metal mesh:** Protects against sparks, moderate heat, cuts, abrasions and rough objects; provides insulating protection
2. **Fabric and fabric coated:** Protects against dirt, slivers, cuts and moderate chemical hazards; used for tasks such as handling bricks, wires and chemical containers
3. **Chemical and liquid resistant:** Prevents injuries from fuels, corrosive acids, strong bases, alcohols, grease and oils; usually temperature resistant, tear resistant and flexible; make sure you use the correct type for the chemicals you work with
4. **Insulating rubber:** Provides protection while working on or near energized objects or machinery; those working on electrical projects should wear this type of glove



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