

## GLOVE SELECTION & WEAR TIPS

### FIRST, EVALUATE THE WORK ENVIRONMENT AND POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Conduct a hazard assessment, read chemical labels and consider all substances gloves may come in contact with.
- Recognize that every glove style delivers a different level of protection from specific chemicals and hazards based on the materials it is constructed from, added features, and the thickness of its design. Ask yourself whether the worker requires:
  - » **Chemical Splash or Chemical Immersion Protection**  
If so, what chemicals is the wearer working with, and for how long might they be exposed?
  - » **Sterile or Clean Gloves**  
If so, what are the specific requirements of the environment?
  - » **Cut Protection**  
If so, how cut resistant must the glove be?
  - » **Heat or Cold Protection**  
If so, what temperatures will the gloves be subjected to?
- Select what glove styles are best based on the specific hazards present, as well as potential exposure time to those hazards.

### FINALLY, NARROW DOWN YOUR OPTIONS BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE GLOVE WEARER

- As many workers are at risk of developing sensitivities to latex after frequent exposure, consider low allergy risk, synthetic materials such as nitrile, neoprene or polyisoprene.
- Consider what glove features might help workers be more comfortable or productive. For example, some gloves feature textured fingertips or palms for improved grip; thin designs for increased tactility, or ergonomic design to support musculoskeletal health.
- Selecting gloves with the best possible fit supports worker comfort and productivity, and reduces the risk of overuse injuries and accidents.

**Tips to help you support worker safety, productivity and product integrity when selecting and wearing gloves**

#### DO

- ✓ Choose the best fitting glove
- ✓ Check for defects during use
- ✓ Change gloves regularly
- ✓ Change gloves when exposed to harmful substances
- ✓ Change gloves when they show signs of damage
- ✓ Check chemical permeation times
- ✓ Treat and cover cuts, abrasions and wounds

#### DON'T

- ✗ Wear damaged gloves or gloves that have been exposed to harmful substances
- ✗ Share gloves
- ✗ Ignore signs of skin irritation

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