

# HAND SAFETY GUIDE

Leather gloves are the standard for all operations. Operations may require a specialty type glove. Examples include: chemical use, pouring/placing concrete, and work around sharp materials.

Any specialty type glove must be:

- Minimum ANSI cut level 3.
- Specifically identified on the Operations Start Card.
- Approved by a superintendent.

Gloves are the last line of defense against hand injuries; hazard identification, tool selection, body positioning and focus are crucial to keeping your hands safe.

**IMPORTANT:** If there is deviation from this policy, project management approval is required on the JHA. Examples include the manipulation of survey equipment, equipment operation inside the cab, remote control devices, and other project approved operations.

The Minimum Expectations for the Hand Safety Toolkit is broken into four focus areas:

1. **Hand Injury Examples & Incidents**
2. **Hand Safety Solutions**
3. **Additional Resources**
4. **Appendices**

**Hand Injury Examples & Incidents:** This intent of this section is to provide FLS examples of potential hand injuries relative to our everyday work.

- FLS are to integrate the relevant examples within the guide as part of the 5 key packet process while onboarding new craft.
- FLS will reference the hand safety guide while planning new operations.
- Prior to starting a new operation, FLS will review the relevant examples with the crew,
- FLS will utilize the guide as part of the Operations Challenge Card.

**Hand Safety Solutions:** Provide FLS purchasing references for our preferred DeWalt “Perform and Protect” tools and quick reference guide for glove selection.

**Additional Resources:** This section includes ideas to promote craft engagement around hand safety. It includes:

- Graphics for ordering stickers & banners.
- Top 5 tool training.
- Four Operation Challenge Cards.
  - The Operations Challenge Cards are to be used in conjunction with the Operations Start Card to draw attention to hand placement during work.
  - Cards focus on a pre-operation walk identifying potential hand injuries.
  - Card requires the crew to reference the Hand Safety Toolkit to review content related to scope of work.
  - Not completed during the Start Card development process and timing of completion decided by FLS.

**Appendices:** This section includes procedures developed for tasks that focus on eliminating the potential for hand injuries. FLS should review existing procedures in this guide while planning new operations.

- Overhang Bracket Stripping