5 Keys to Hand Safety







Evaluate Injury Trends.

- Ensure that employees are properly trained on the hazards of the task
- Ensure that they know how to avoid accidents



Perform a Hazard Assessment.

Some hand hazards that could exist are:

- chemicals
- heat/cold
- sharp edges
- knives/box cutters
- pinch/crush/cut
- amputation
- electrical



Select Proper PPE and Determine Safe Work Practices.

- Match the glove to the hazard
- Ensure machine guarding is in place
- Use proper tools
- Inspect and repair tools/machinery as needed
- Use the smallest quantity of chemical needed
- Do not wear rings or bracelets when working with food, tools or machinery



Implement a Training Program.

Educate employees about:

- Types of hand hazards
- Types of injuries
- Safe work practices
- Proper type and fit of gloves



Communicate and Build Awareness.

- Use verbal reminders/posters
- Monitor effectiveness
- Review injury trends
- Insist on proper PPE

