

Hand Safety: Are Gloves Enough?

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Did you know? — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that more than 13 million workers in the U.S. are potentially exposed to chemicals that can be absorbed through the skin. Gloves are an important element of PPE intended as a first line of defense to protect hands. But, just because you're providing gloves to workers doesn't mean you have hand protection covered. While gloves play an important role in protecting hands, they are often the source of issues effecting skin health that can lead to serious skin disorders, resulting in lost productivity and absenteeism. In fact, 25% of lost workdays reported are due to work-related skin disease. Implementing a tailored skin safety program that works alongside the use of gloves encourages skin safety best practice and long lasting behavior to reduce risk to organizations, promotes the overall health and safety of workers, and can result in significant cost savings related to treating serious skin health issues.

Webinar attendees will learn:

- Risks to skin from prolonged glove use
- Recognize early signs of skin condition issues
- Elements of an effective skin safety program
- How to implement a sustainable skin safety regimen, with or without gloves in use

Speakers

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Armand Coppotelli is an Industrial Hygienist and Senior Technical Training Manager for Deb, an SC Johnson Company. He has more than 25 years' experience advising best practices to maintain good skin health. Over the course of his career, he has lectured in AIHce roundtables and has served as AIHA section guest speaker. He also has hosted presentations on overcoming work related skin dermatitis for many

occupational medicine/nursing organizations including: Chicago area occupational nurses section, the Australian Occupational Health Nurses Association and the Toronto Occupational Physicians Association. He has implemented corporate skin care programs for large scale manufacturing operations such as Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Amtrak, Rohm & Haas, BASF, Lear and Delphi, and has served on the Protective Clothing & Equipment Committee of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. Armand holds a M.S. Environmental Health-Industrial Hygiene and is a member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

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