



## **Why Protect Those Hands?**

Take a moment to hold your hands out in front of you. Look at them. They are the only two hands you will ever have. It has been estimated that almost 20% of all disabling accidents on the job involve the hands. Without your hands and fingers, your ability to work would be greatly reduced. Humans have the unique capability to grasp, hold, move, and manipulate objects. They are one of our greatest assets. And, as such, must be protected and cared for.

### **OSHA STANDARDS: Hand Protection. (OSHA 1910.138)**

Each affected employee shall wear protective gloves when working in areas where hands are exposed to hazards such as those from skin absorption of harmful substances; severe cuts or lacerations; severe abrasions; punctures; chemical burns; thermal burns; and harmful temperature extremes.

Look at the job tasks to be performed and identify the hazards that could injure your hands. Use the appropriate tools and as required, wear the correct gloves.

***Remember: "No task is so important that it be done at the risk of safety."***