## Safety Talks

# **Hand Protection**

List hazards to hands on site.

### **Explain dangers**

Construction exposes our hands to many different hazards, from cuts to chemicals, from pinching to crushing, and from blisters to burns.

### Identify controls

The best tools we have are our hands. We need to protect them on the job.

Leather gloves provide good protection against sharp edges, splinters, and heat.

Cotton or other materials don't stand up well. You should wear them only for light-duty jobs.

Wearing anti-vibration gloves when using power tools and equipment can help prevent hand/arm vibration syndrome (HAVS).

Our hands also need protection against chemicals.

Check labels to see whether products must be handled with gloves and what types of gloves are required.

If that information isn't on the label, check the material safety data sheet (MSDS).

Using the right gloves for the job is important. For instance, rubber gloves are no good with solvents and degreasers. The gloves will dissolve on contact.

#### **Demonstrate**

Talk about the specific chemicals used on your jobsite and the type of gloves recommended for each.



The right gloves for the job

